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far away....**

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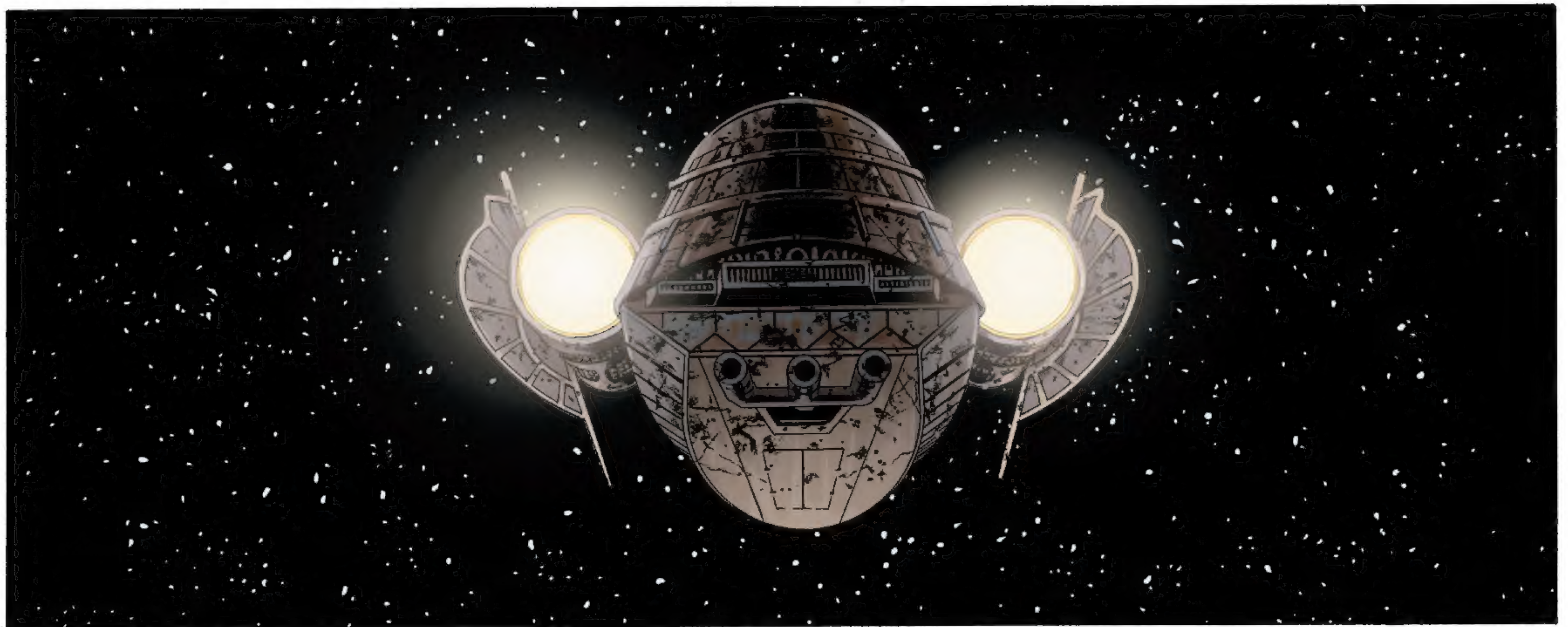
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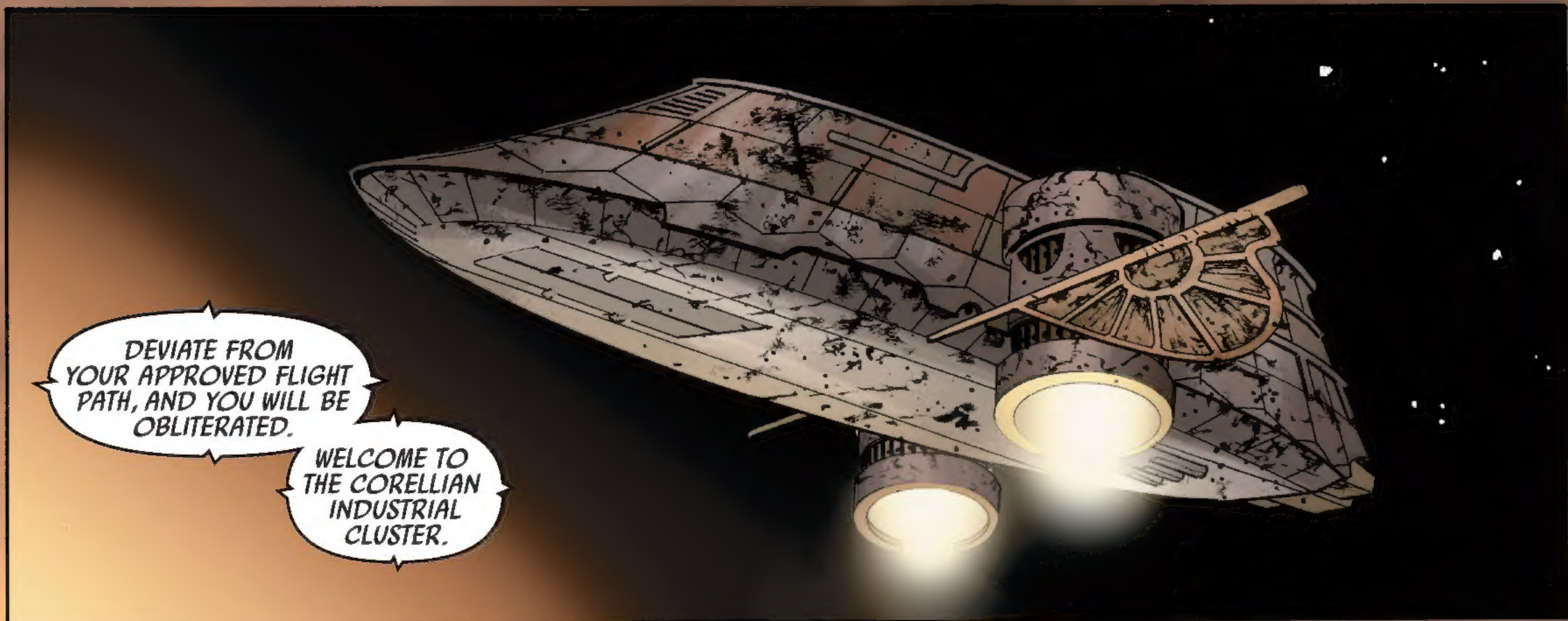
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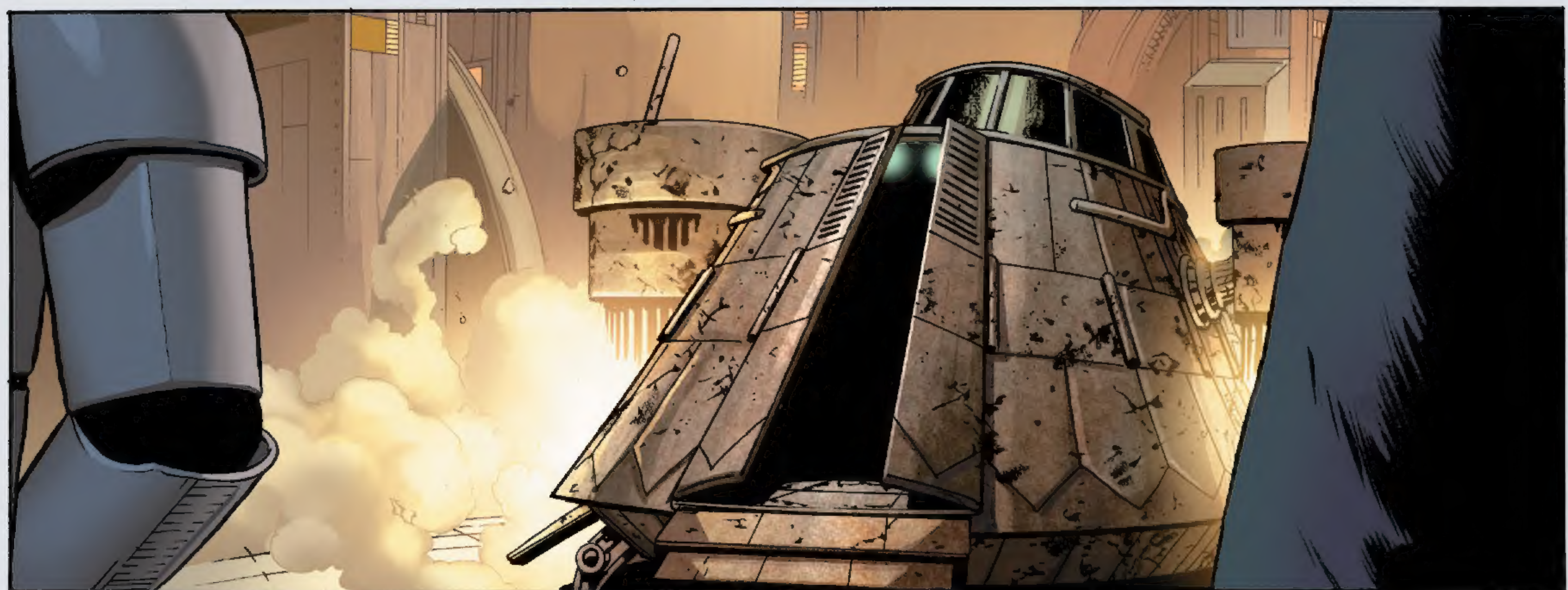
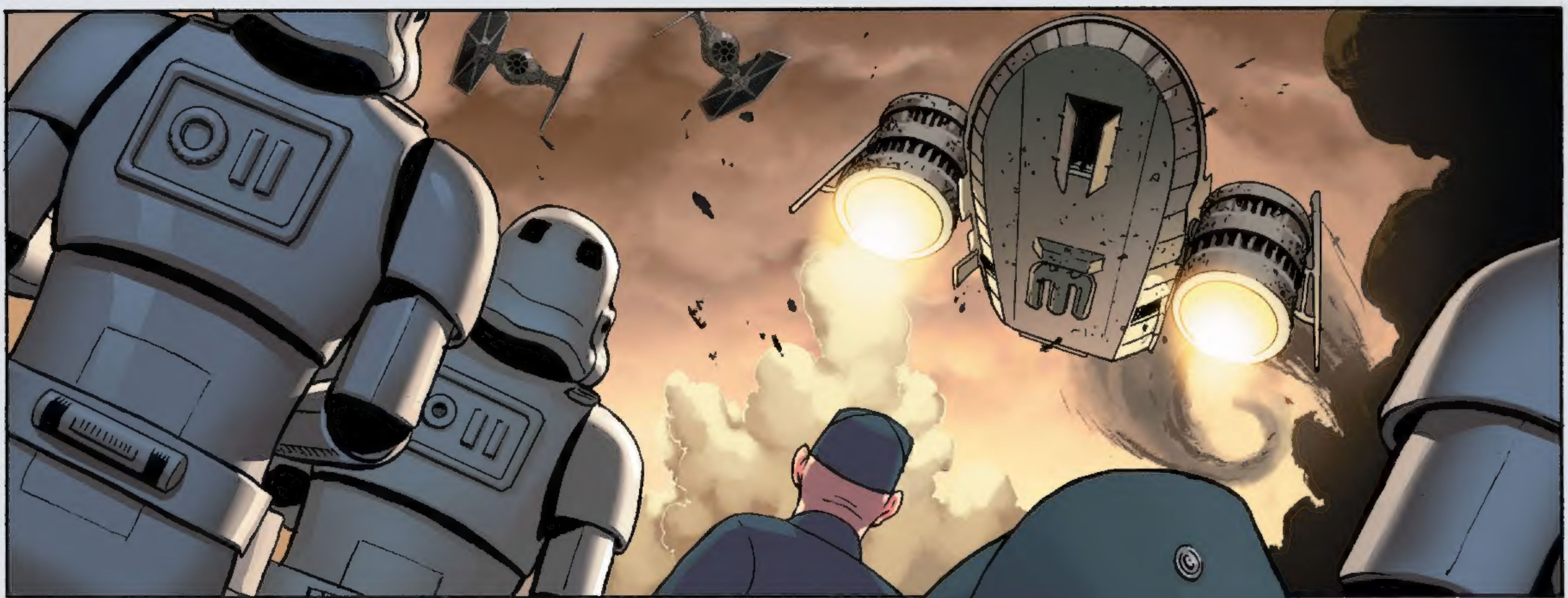
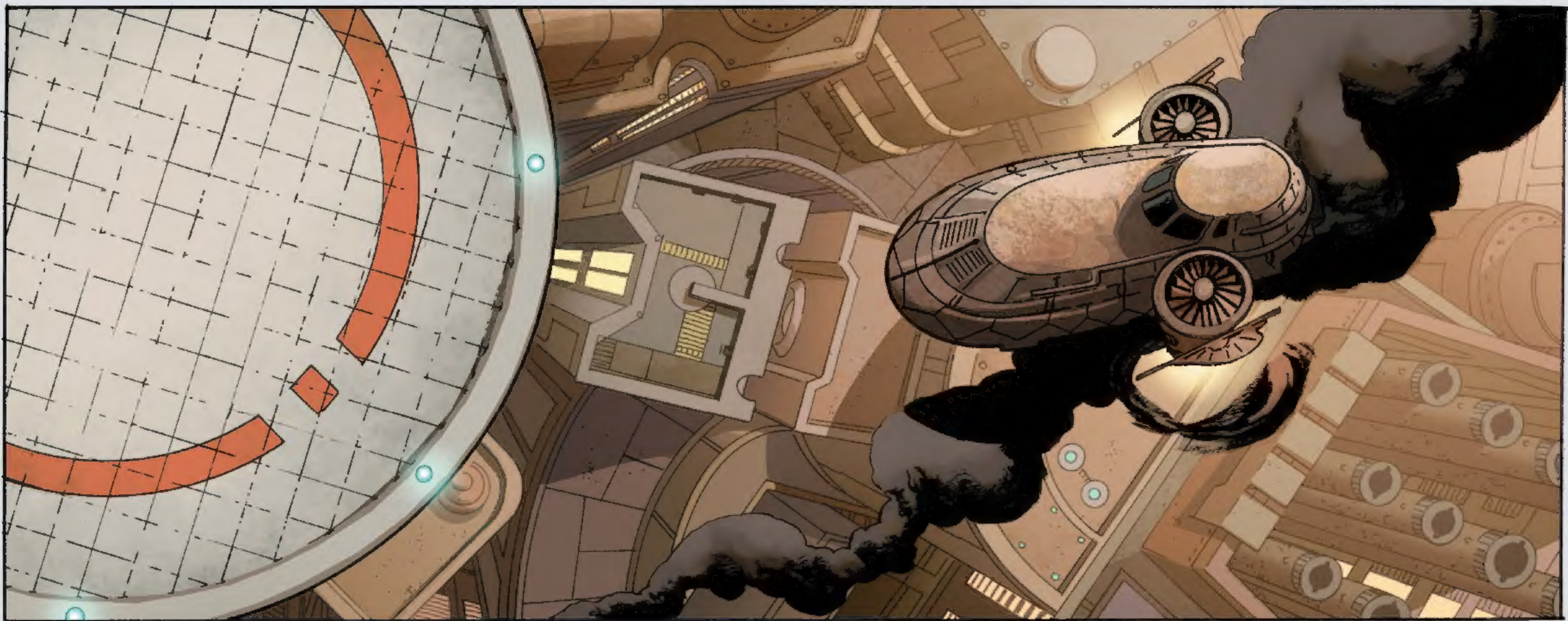
The evil Galactic Empire's greatest weapon, the Death Star, has been destroyed by the young Rebel pilot, Luke Skywalker.

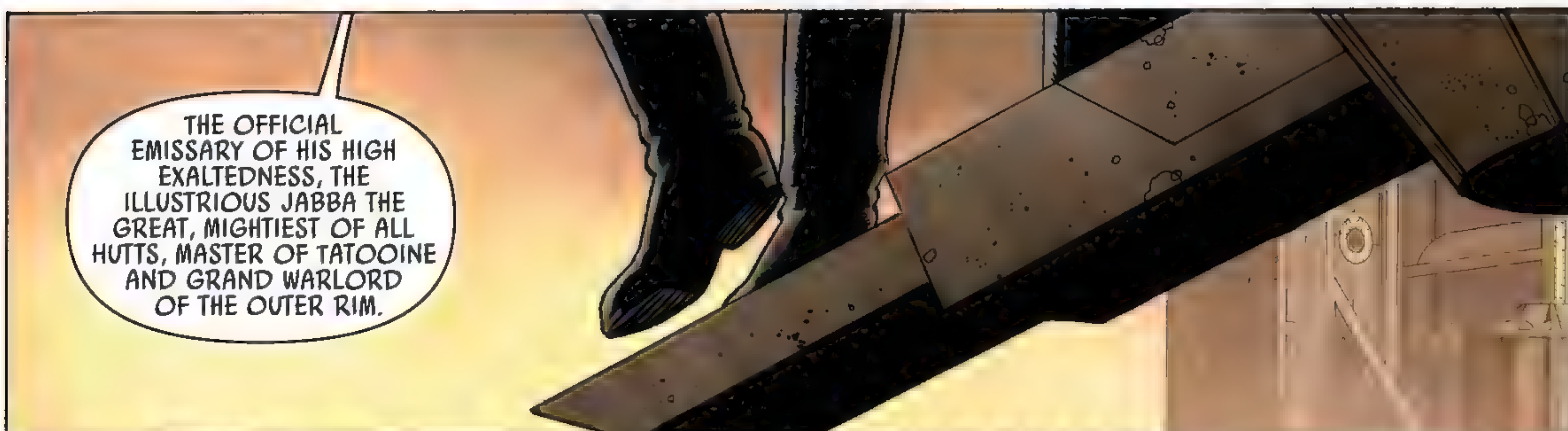
With the Imperial Forces in disarray, the Rebels look to press their advantage by unleashing a daring offensive throughout the far reaches of space, hoping to defeat the Empire once and for all and at last restore freedom to the galaxy....

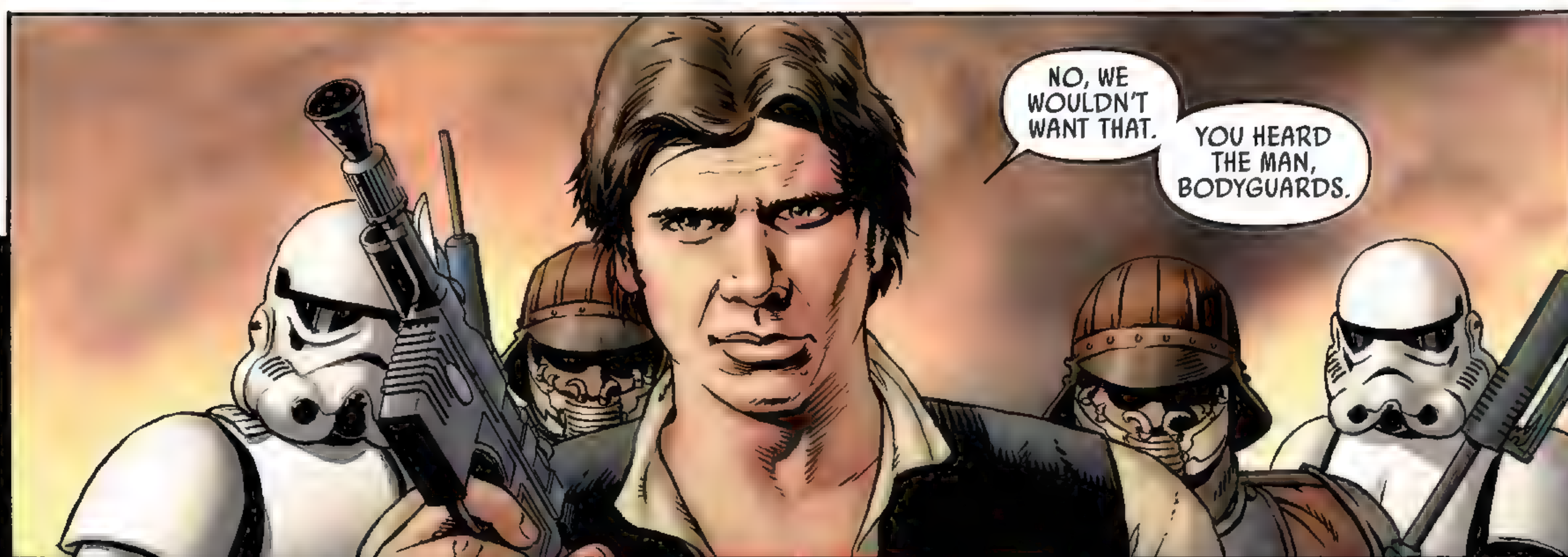
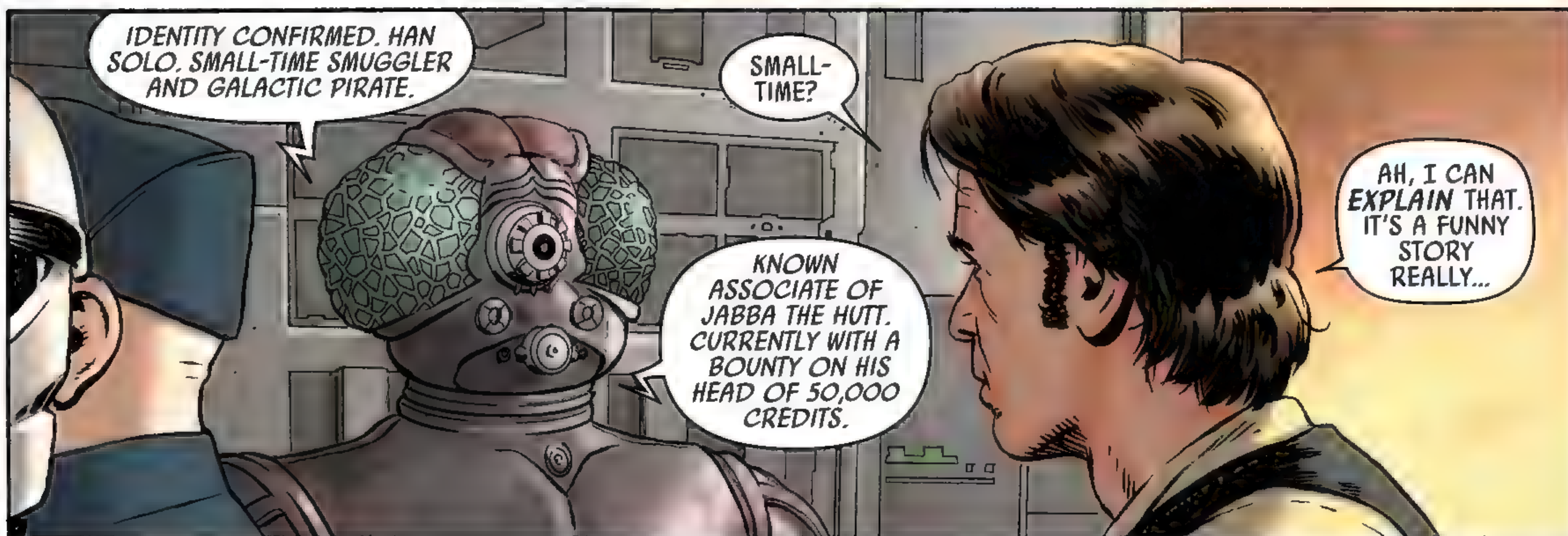


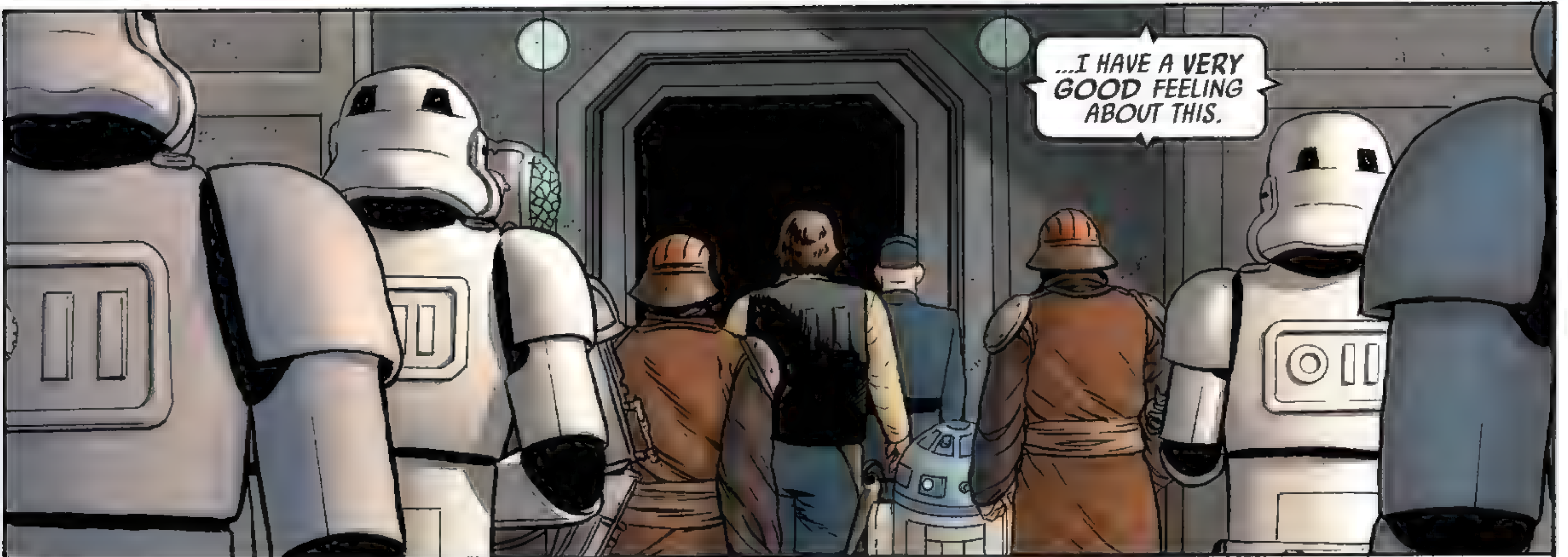
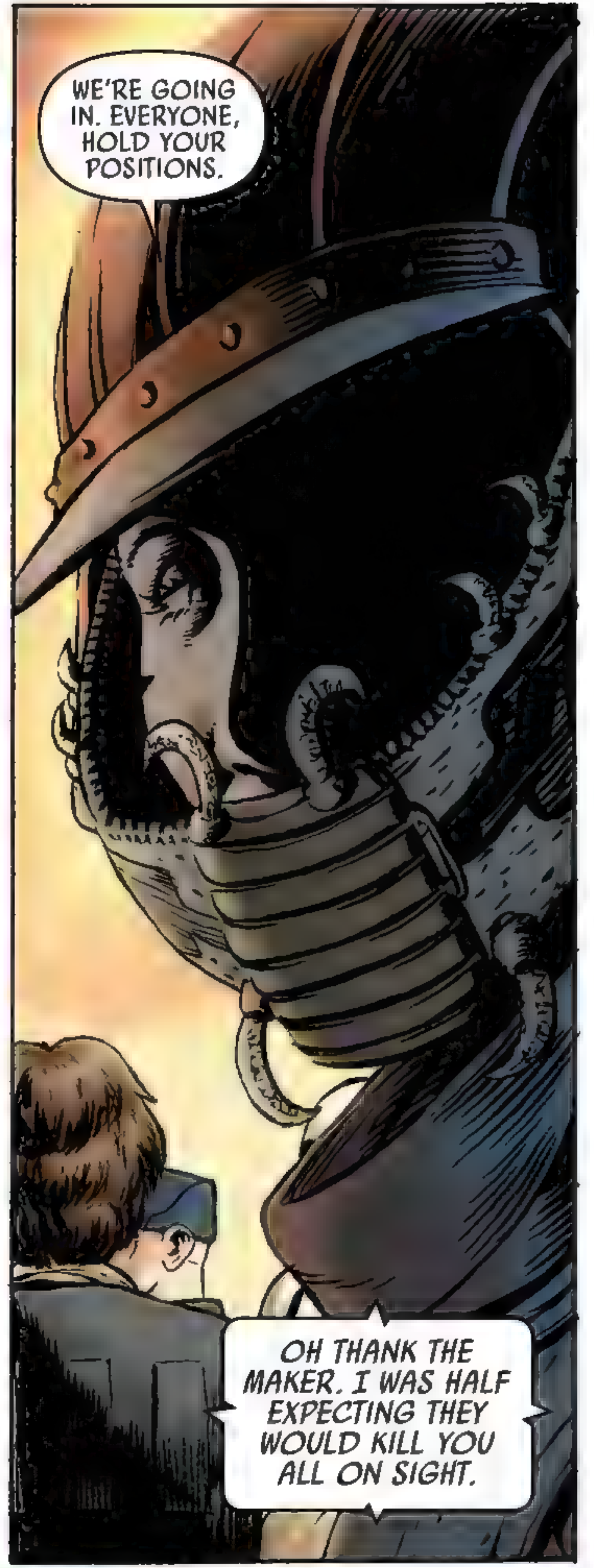
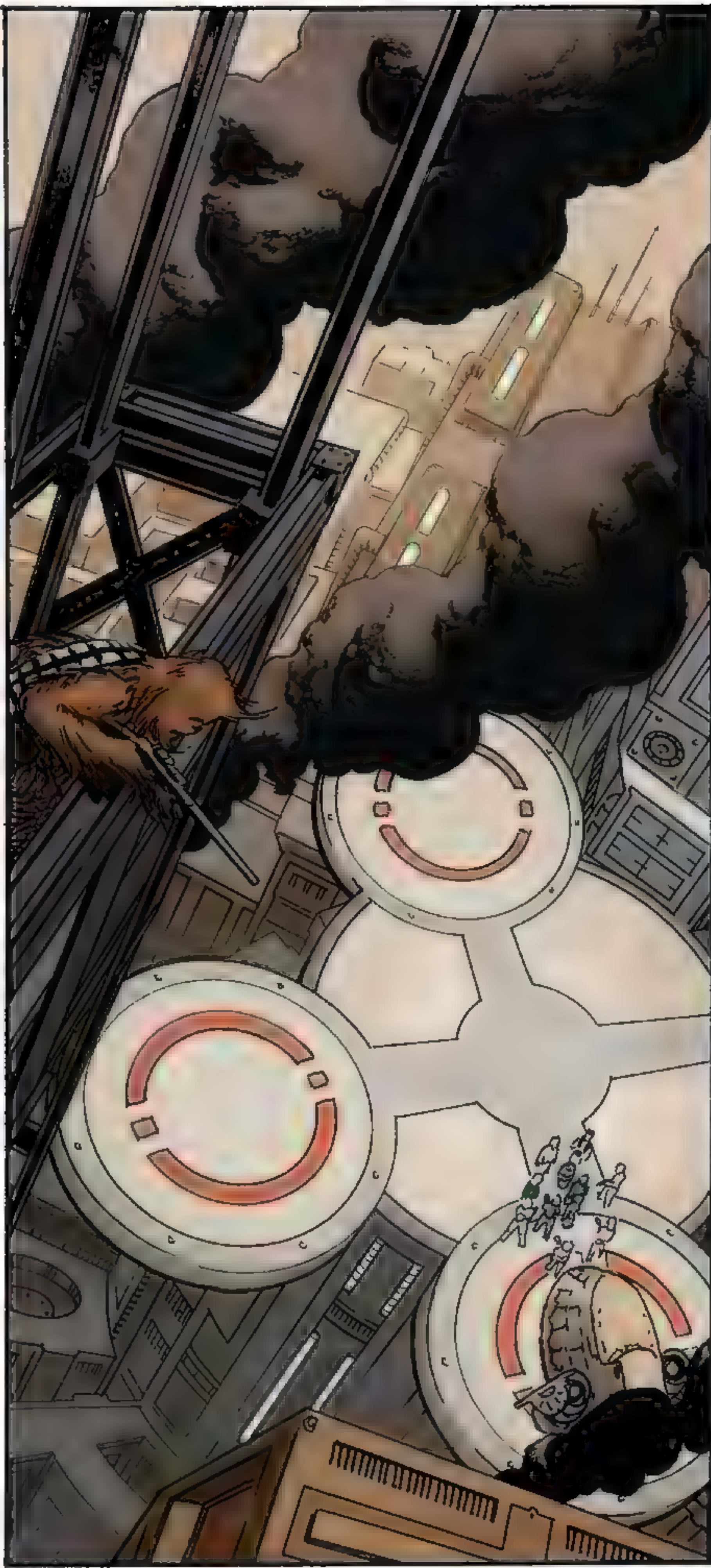


WELCOME TO
CYMOON 1.



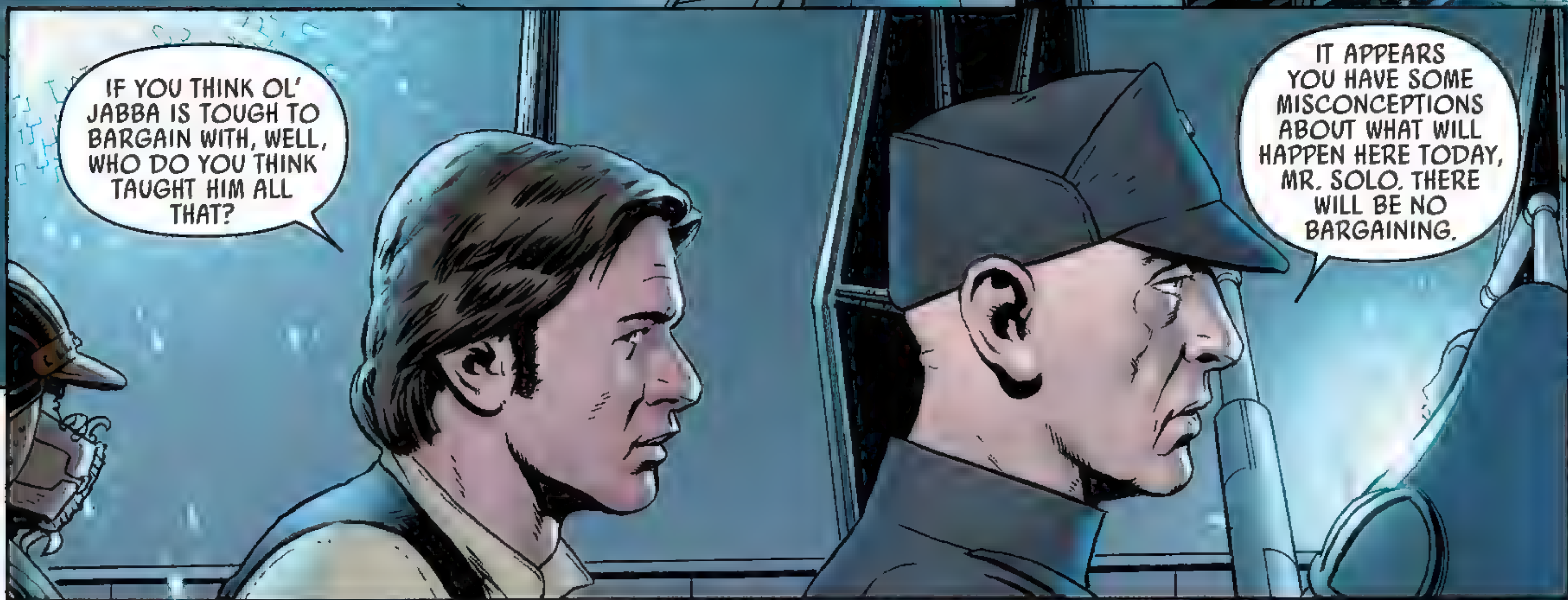








I HOPE YOU BOYS
ARE PREPARED FOR
SOME VIGOROUS
NEGOTIATING.



IF YOU THINK OL'
JABBA IS TOUGH TO
BARGAIN WITH, WELL,
WHO DO YOU THINK
TAUGHT HIM ALL
THAT?

IT APPEARS
YOU HAVE SOME
MISCONCEPTIONS
ABOUT WHAT WILL
HAPPEN HERE TODAY,
MR. SOLO. THERE
WILL BE NO
BARGAINING.

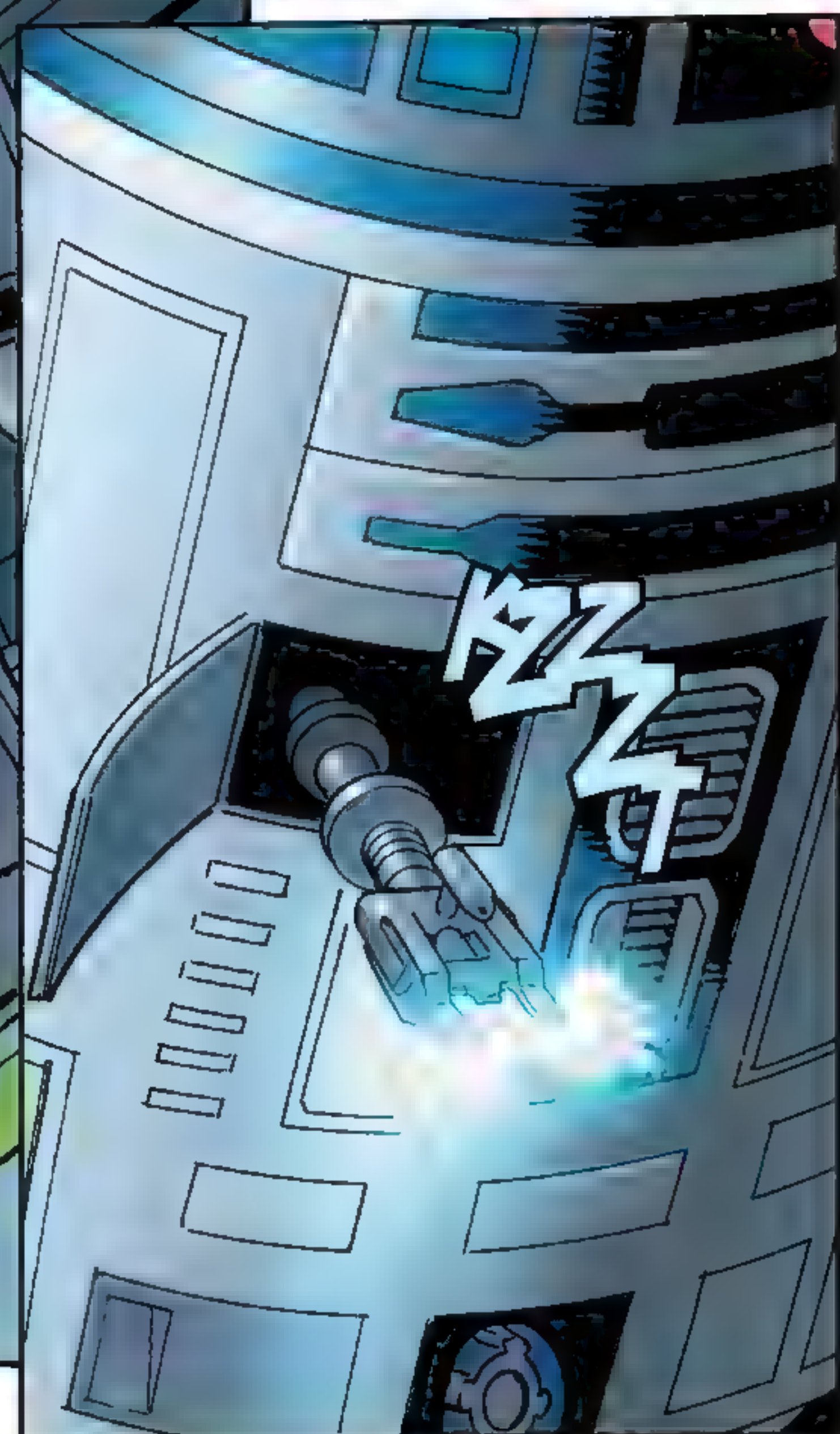
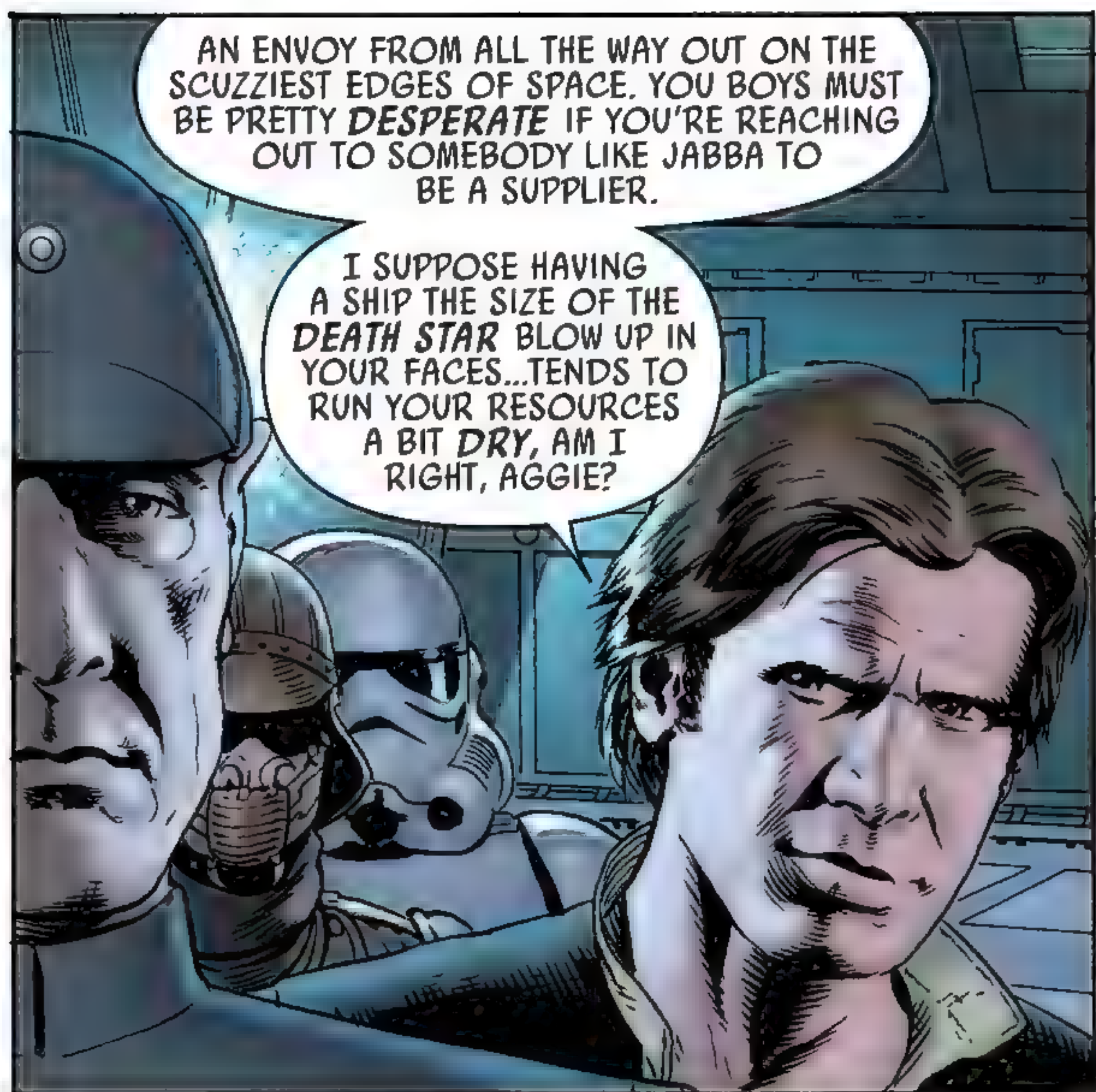


THE NEGOTIATOR WILL
DELIVER THE EMPIRE'S
TERMS AND YOU WILL
ACCEPT THEM. YOUR
ORGANIZATION WILL
PROVIDE WHATEVER RAW
MATERIALS WE REQUIRE
AND WILL TAKE THE PAY
YOU ARE GIVEN,
WITHOUT COMPLAINT.

THIS IS THE LARGEST
WEAPONS FACTORY IN
THE GALAXY, ONE THAT
RUNS NONSTOP, DAY AND
NIGHT. ALL FULLY
AUTOMATED.

WE HAVE AN
ENTIRE EMPIRE TO
KEEP ARMED AND
READY. WE HAVEN'T THE
TIME OR INCLINATION
TO BARGAIN WITH EVERY
TWO-BIT HUTT OR
MOFF WHO GETS
IN OUR WAY.

AND
YET...HERE
WE ARE.







THE
REBELLIOUS
KIND.

WHICH
WAY TO THE
MAIN POWER
CORE?

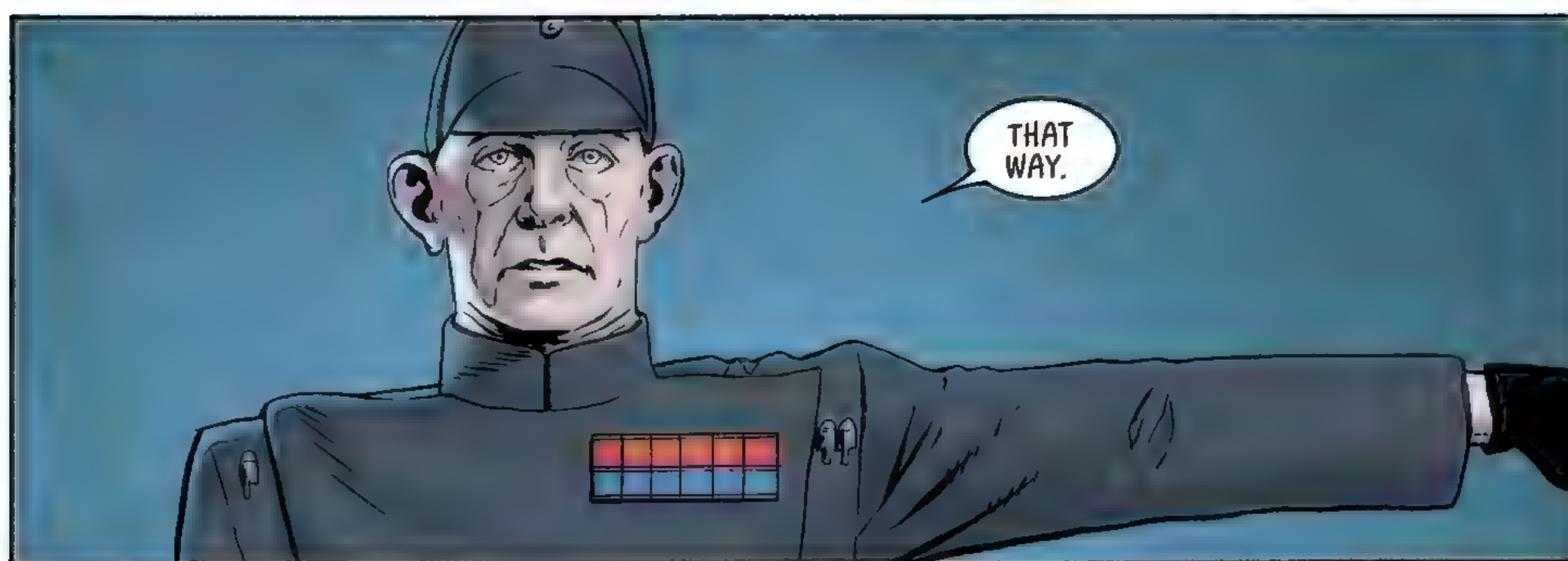


REBELS.

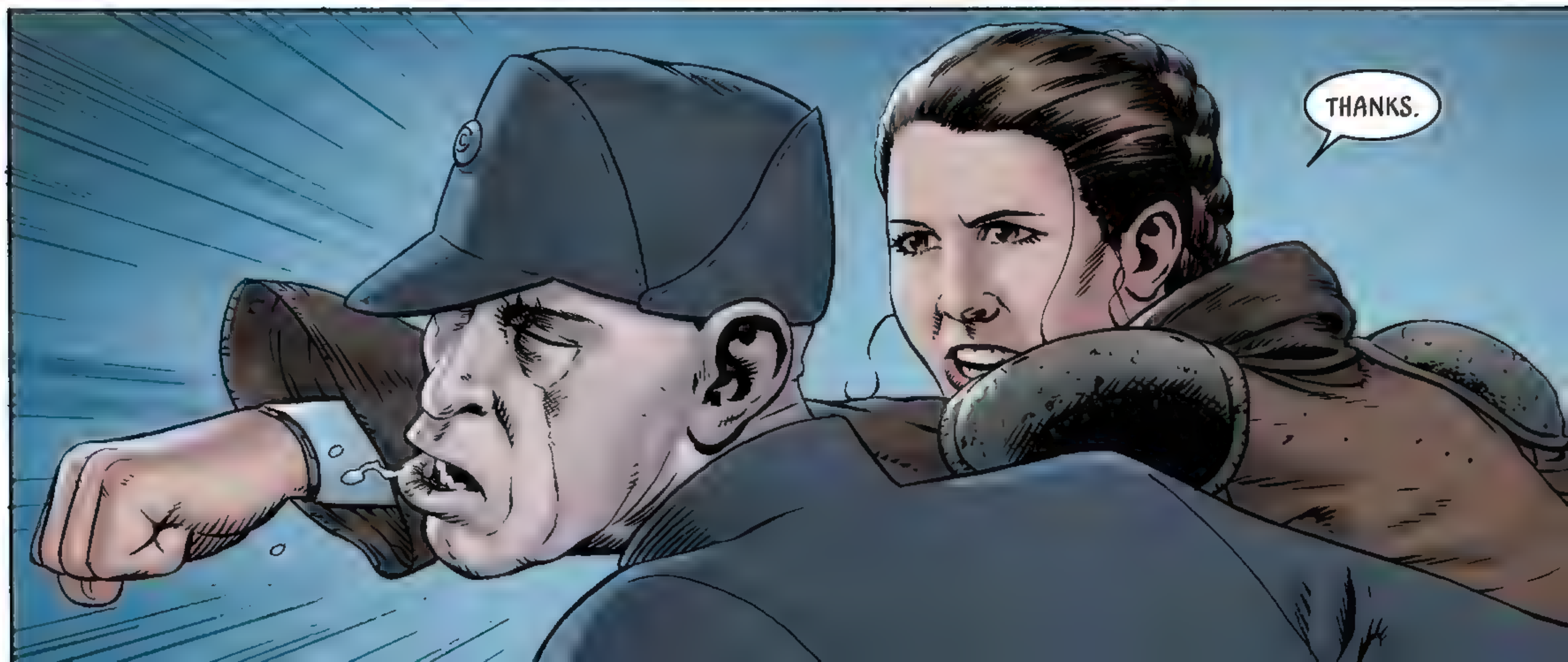
YOU'VE JUST...
DOOMED YOURSELVES.
THIS MOON IS THE MOST
HEAVILY GUARDED BASE
IN THE GALAXY. YOU
CANNOT POSSIBLY
ESCAPE ALIVE.

LET US
WORRY ABOUT
THAT. WHICH
WAY?

I AM A SWORN
OFFICER OF THE
EMPIRE. I WILL
NEVER TELL
YOU.



THAT
WAY.



THANKS.



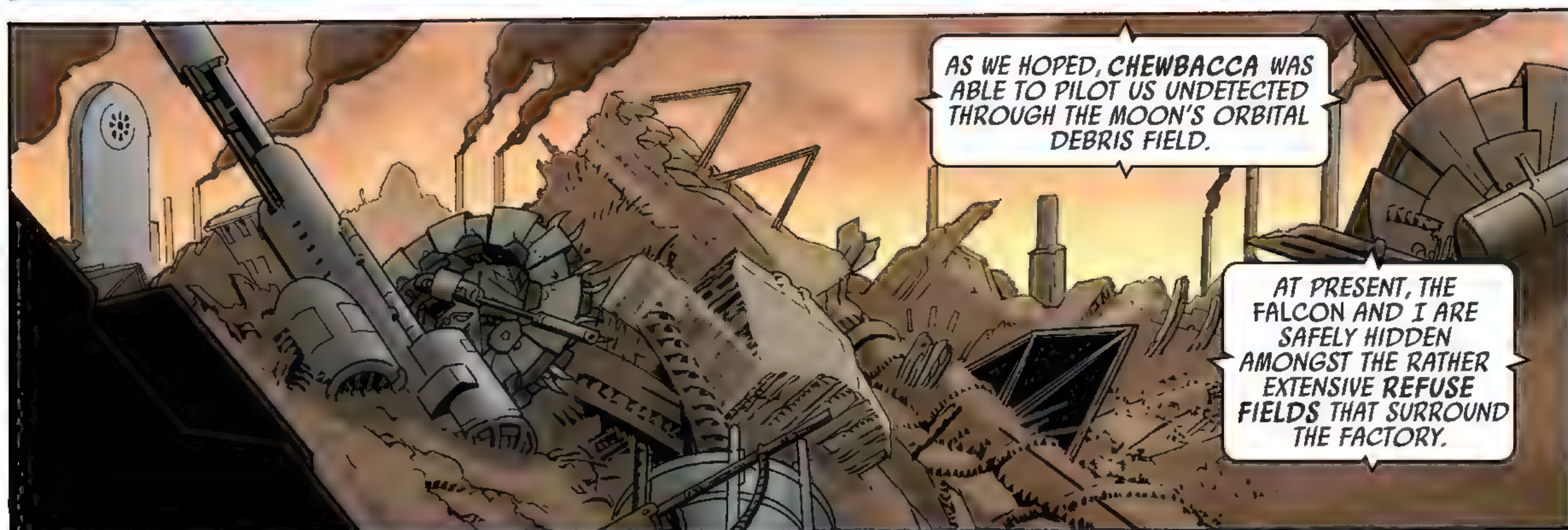
NICE WORK, ARTOO.

WRRRRRP
BEEP BEEP

WE'RE IN. MOVE
TO PHASE
TWO.

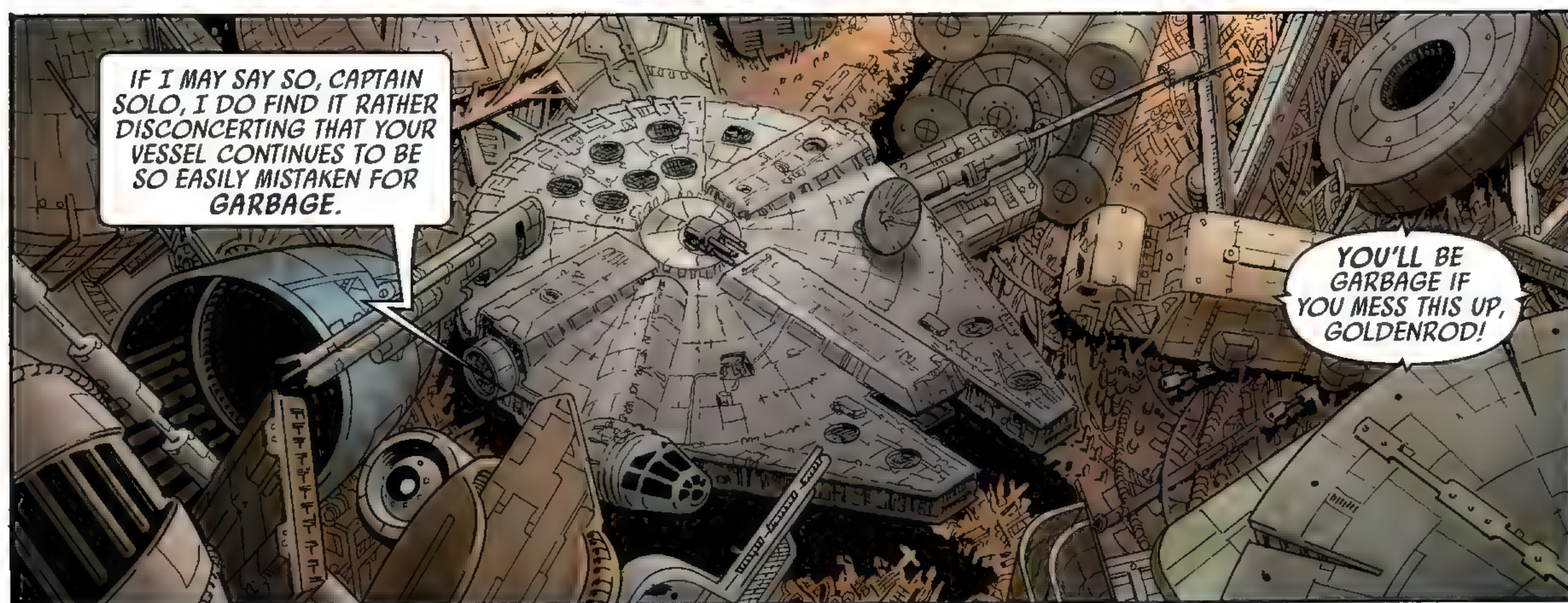
THREEPIO, YOU
WORTHLESS RUST
BUCKET, YOU BETTER
NOT HAVE DAMAGED
MY SHIP.

FOR ONCE, SIR,
THE MILLENNIUM
FALCON ACTUALLY
APPEARS TO BE IN
GOOD WORKING
ORDER.



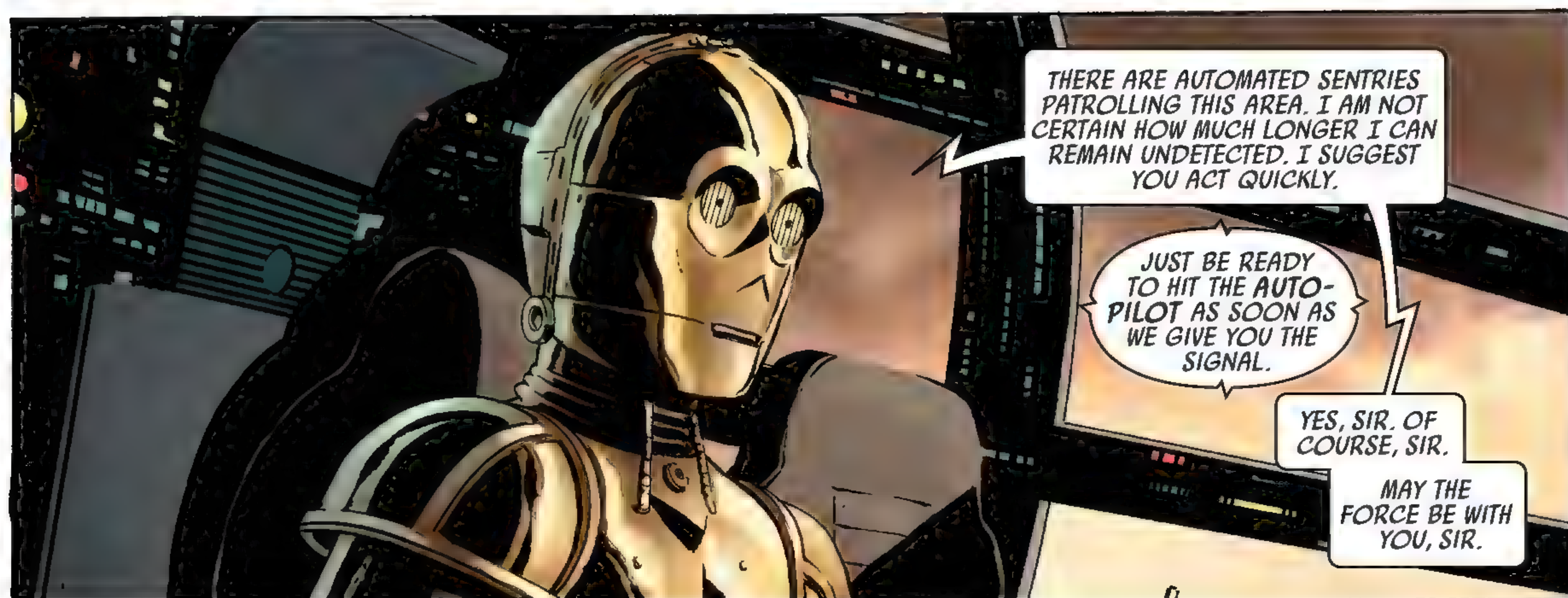
AS WE HOPED, CHEWBACCA WAS
ABLE TO PILOT US UNDETECTED
THROUGH THE MOON'S ORBITAL
DEBRIS FIELD.

AT PRESENT, THE
FALCON AND I ARE
SAFELY HIDDEN
AMONGST THE RATHER
EXTENSIVE REFUSE
FIELDS THAT SURROUND
THE FACTORY.



IF I MAY SAY SO, CAPTAIN
SOLO, I DO FIND IT RATHER
DISCONCERTING THAT YOUR
VESSEL CONTINUES TO BE
SO EASILY MISTAKEN FOR
GARBAGE.

YOU'LL BE
GARBAGE IF
YOU MESS THIS UP,
GOLDENROD!

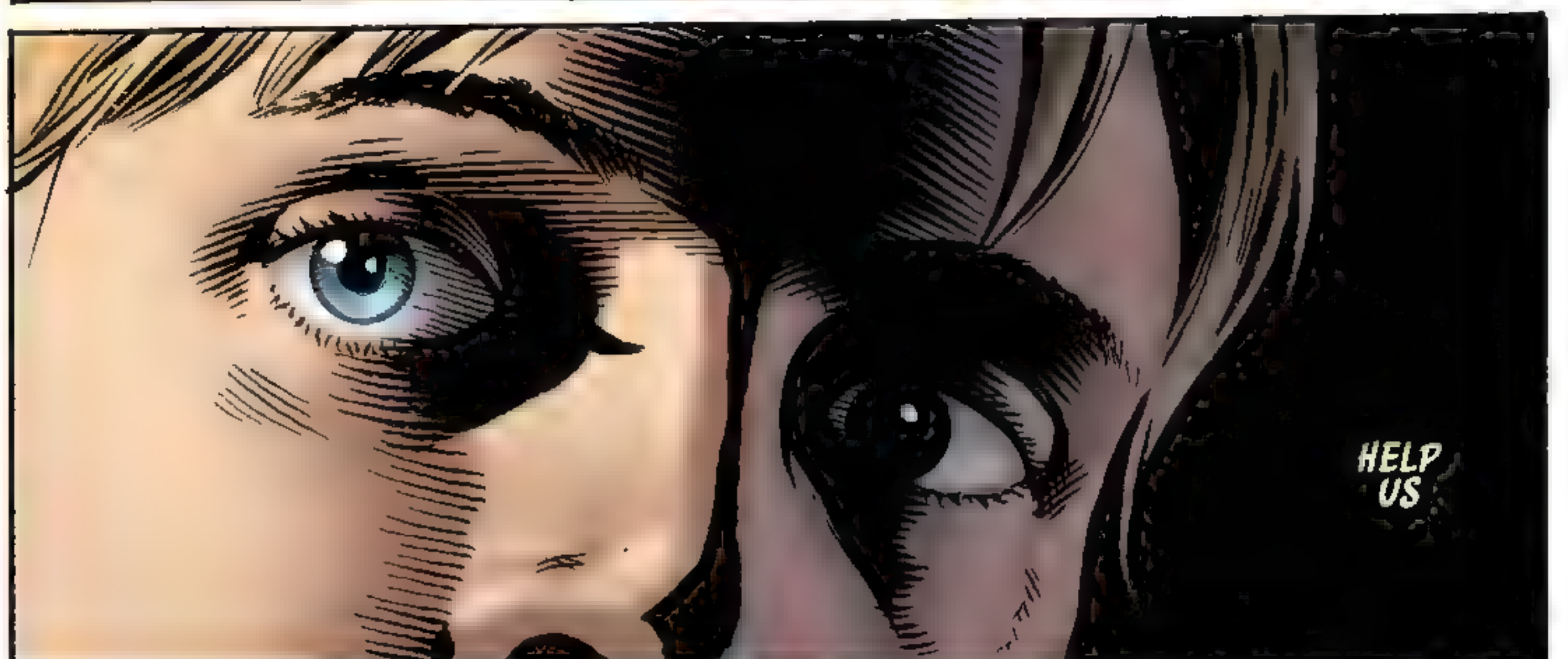
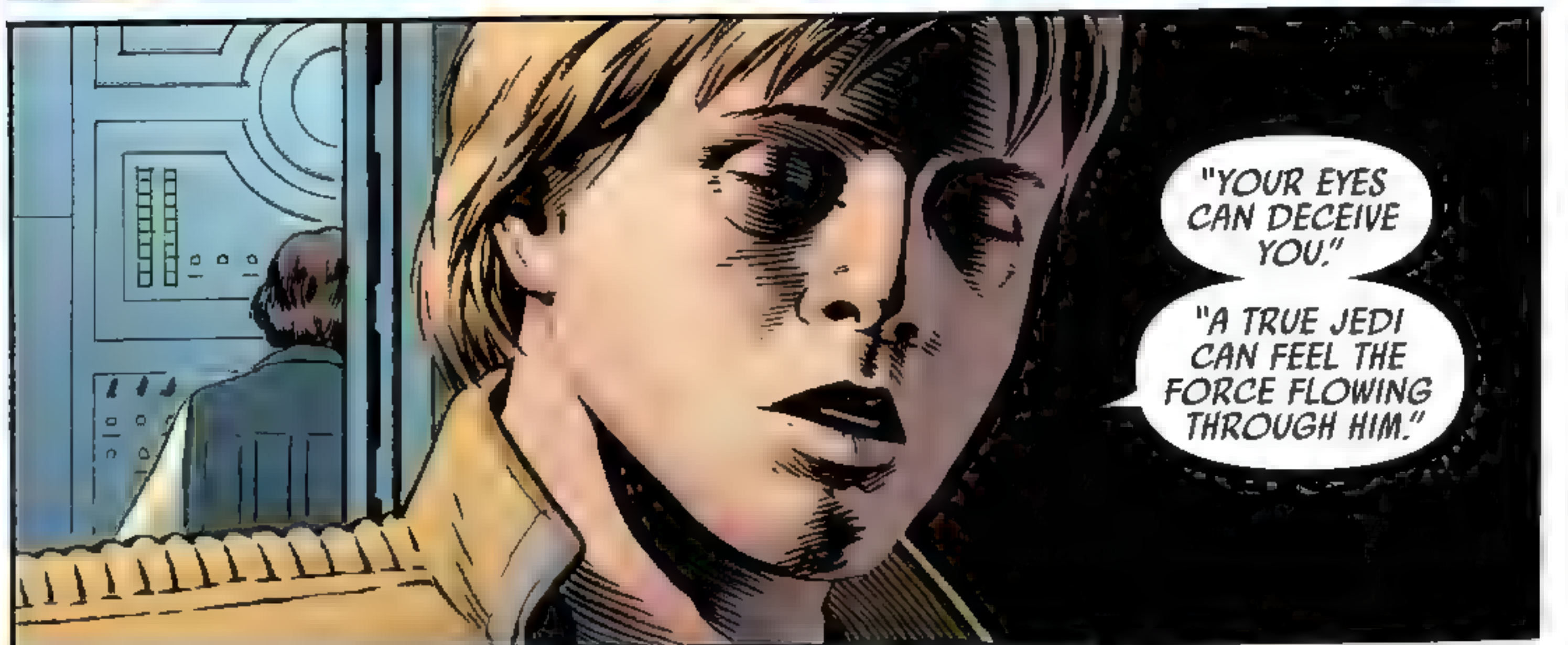
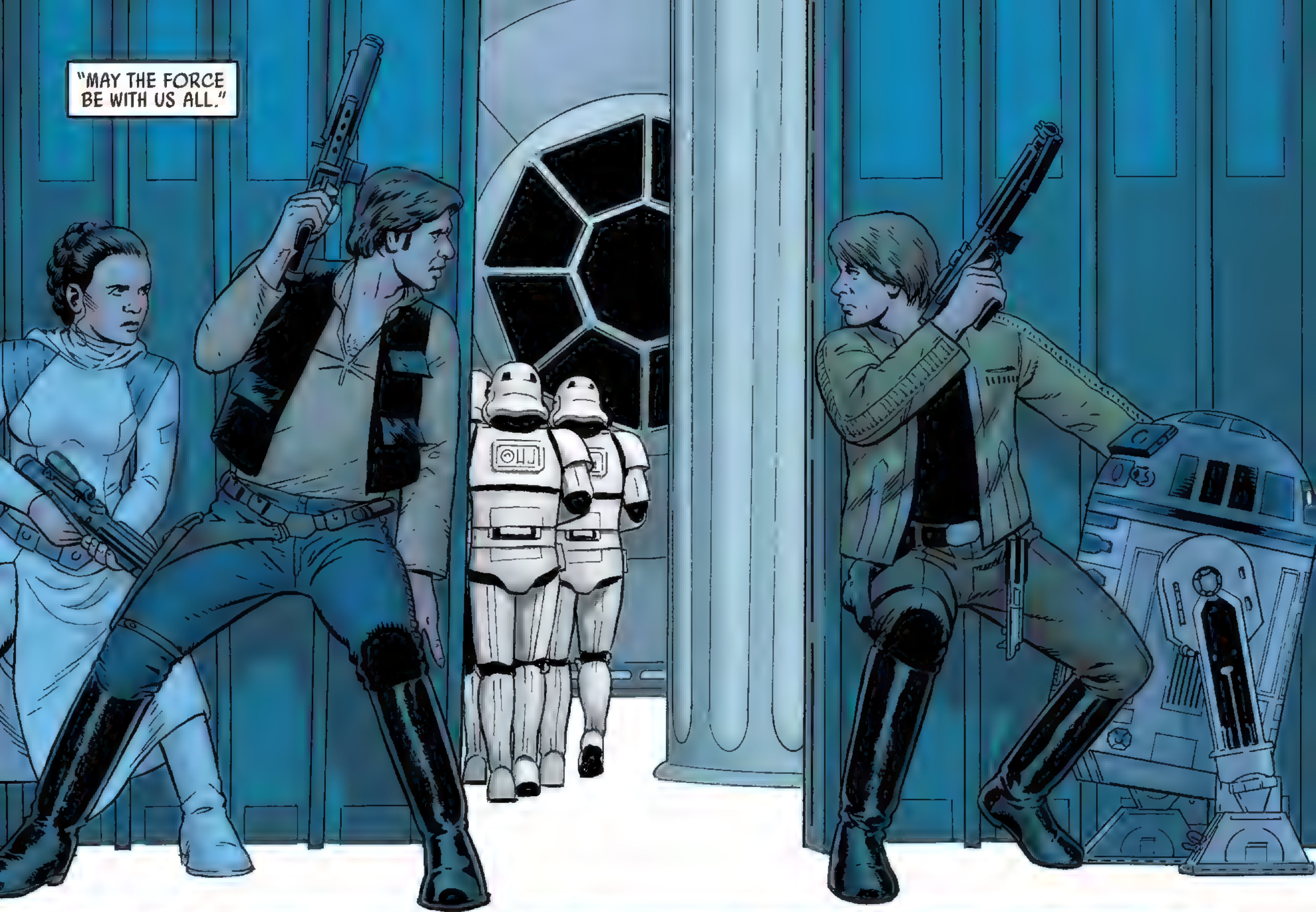


THERE ARE AUTOMATED SENTRIES
PATROLLING THIS AREA. I AM NOT
CERTAIN HOW MUCH LONGER I CAN
REMAIN UNDETECTED. I SUGGEST
YOU ACT QUICKLY.

JUST BE READY
TO HIT THE AUTO-
PILOT AS SOON AS
WE GIVE YOU THE
SIGNAL.

YES, SIR. OF
COURSE, SIR.

MAY THE
FORCE BE WITH
YOU, SIR.





HELLO?

HELLO, IS ANYONE...



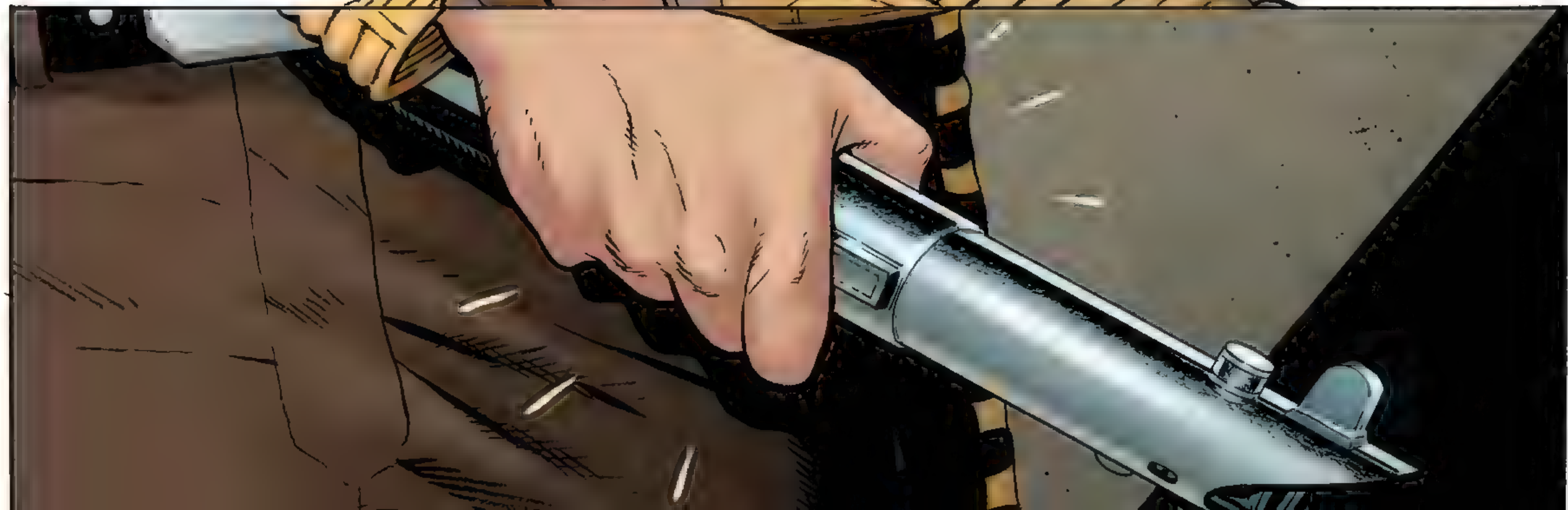
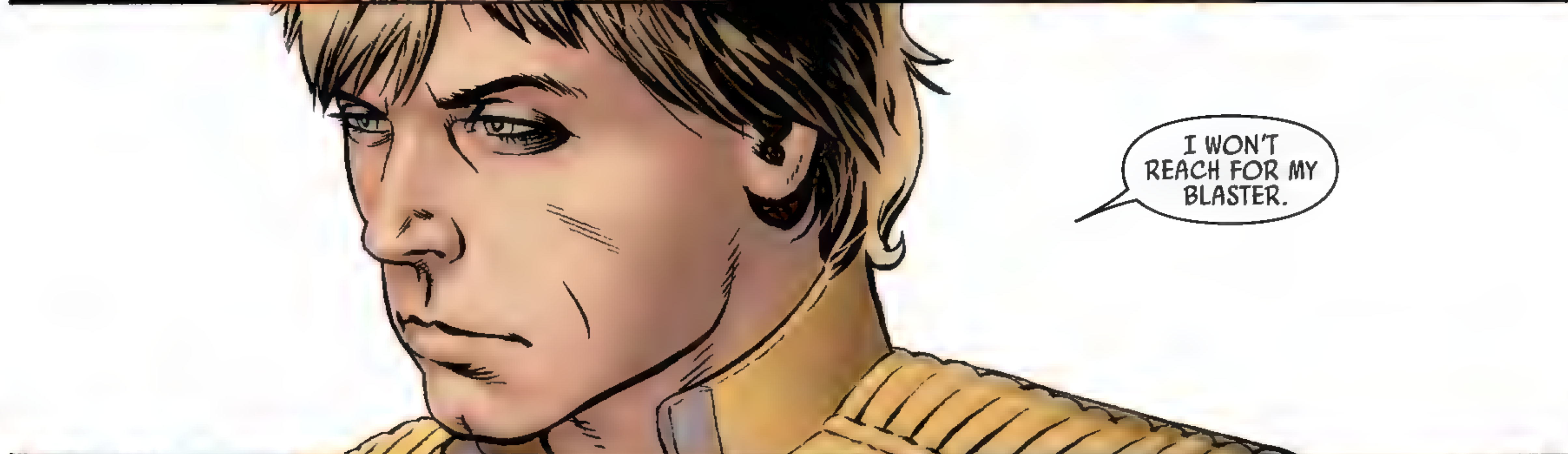
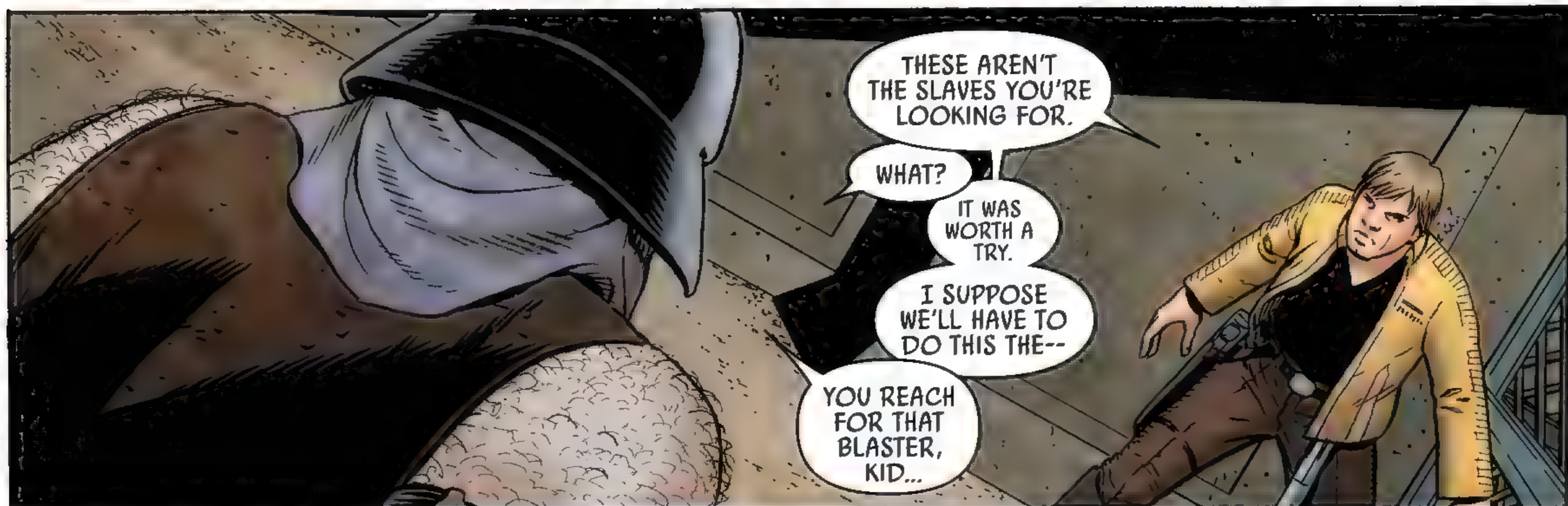
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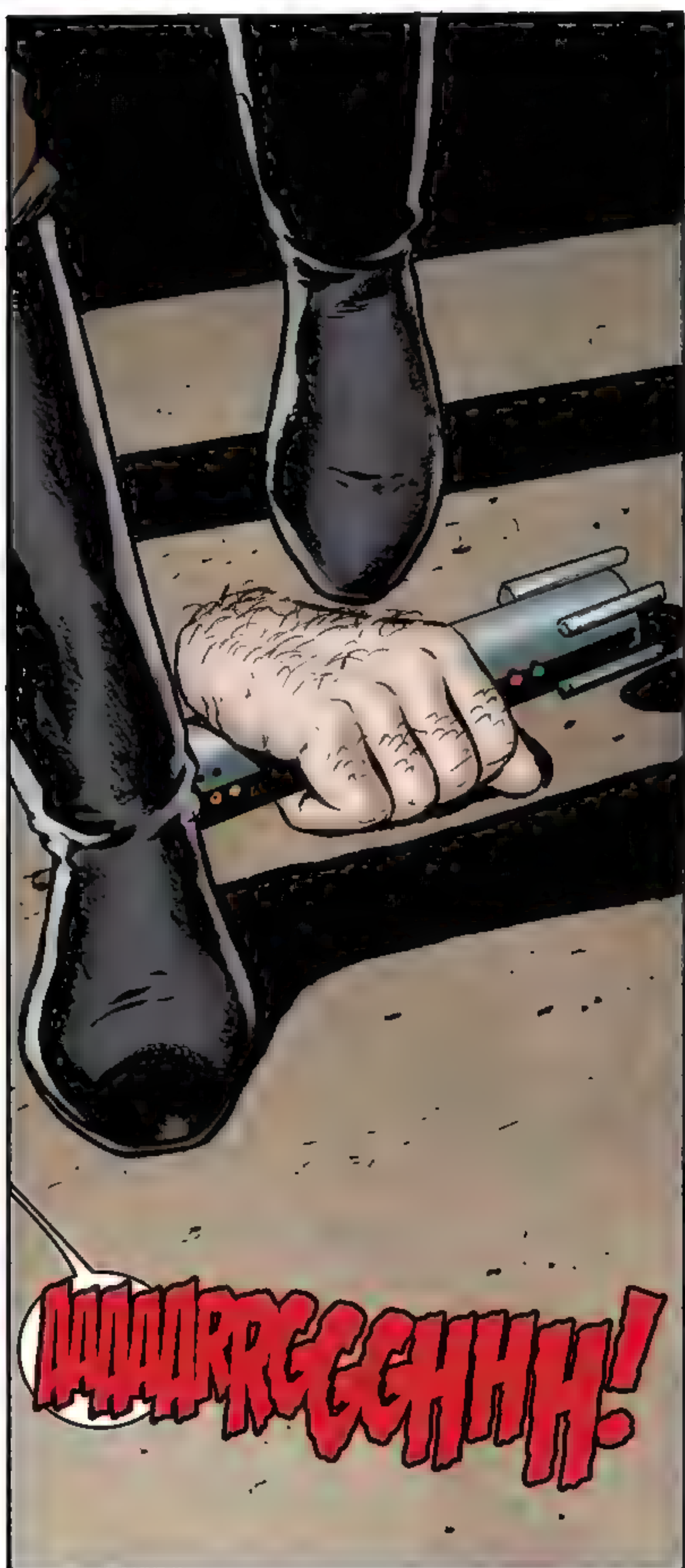
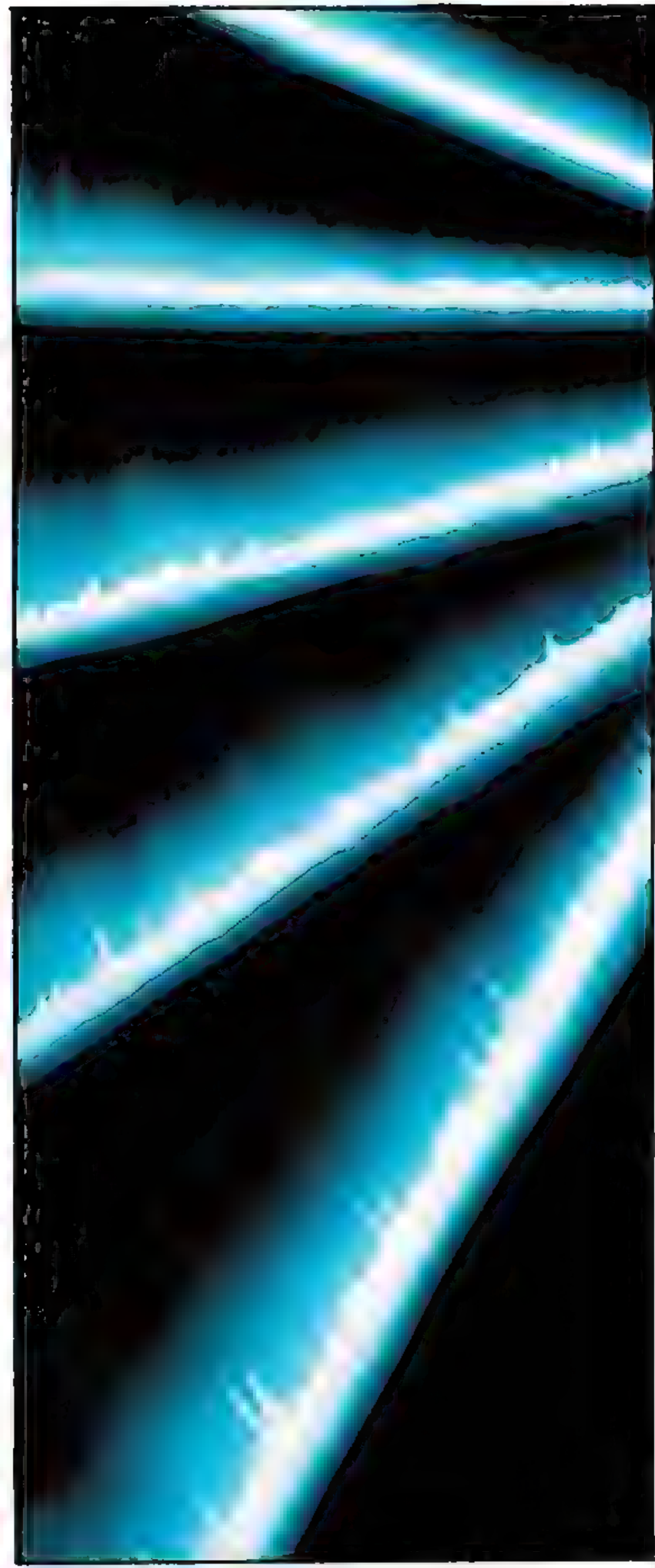


"FULLY
AUTOMATED."
EVEN THAT WAS
A LIE.

DON'T
WORRY, I'LL
GET YOU OUTTA
THERE.

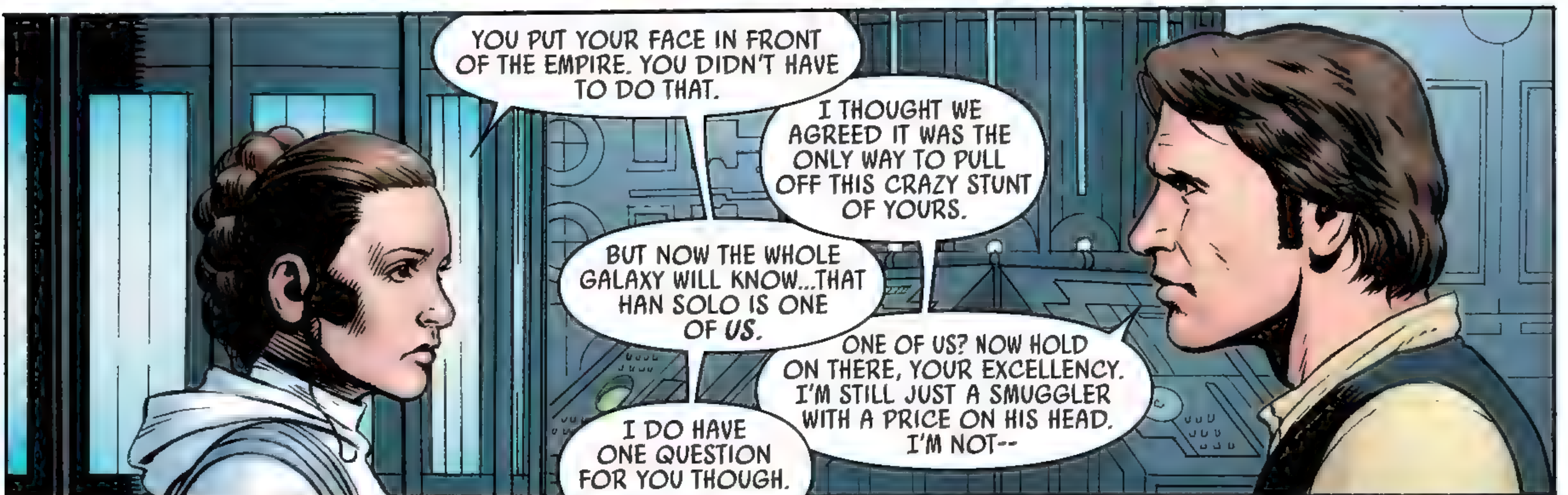
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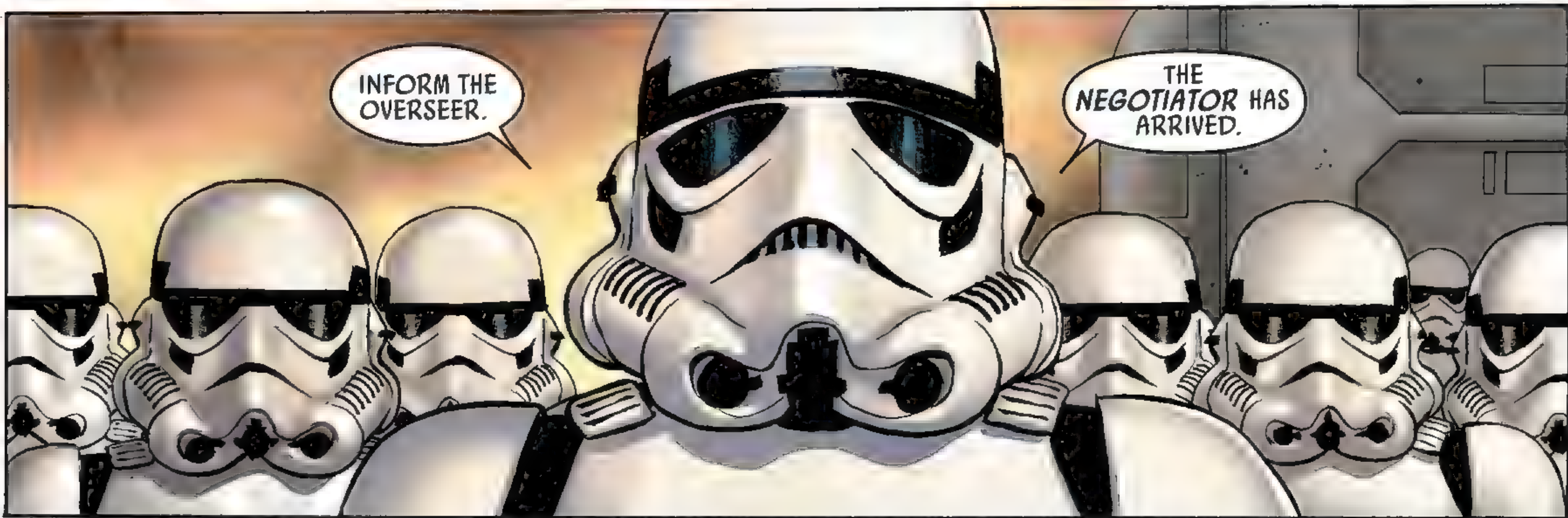




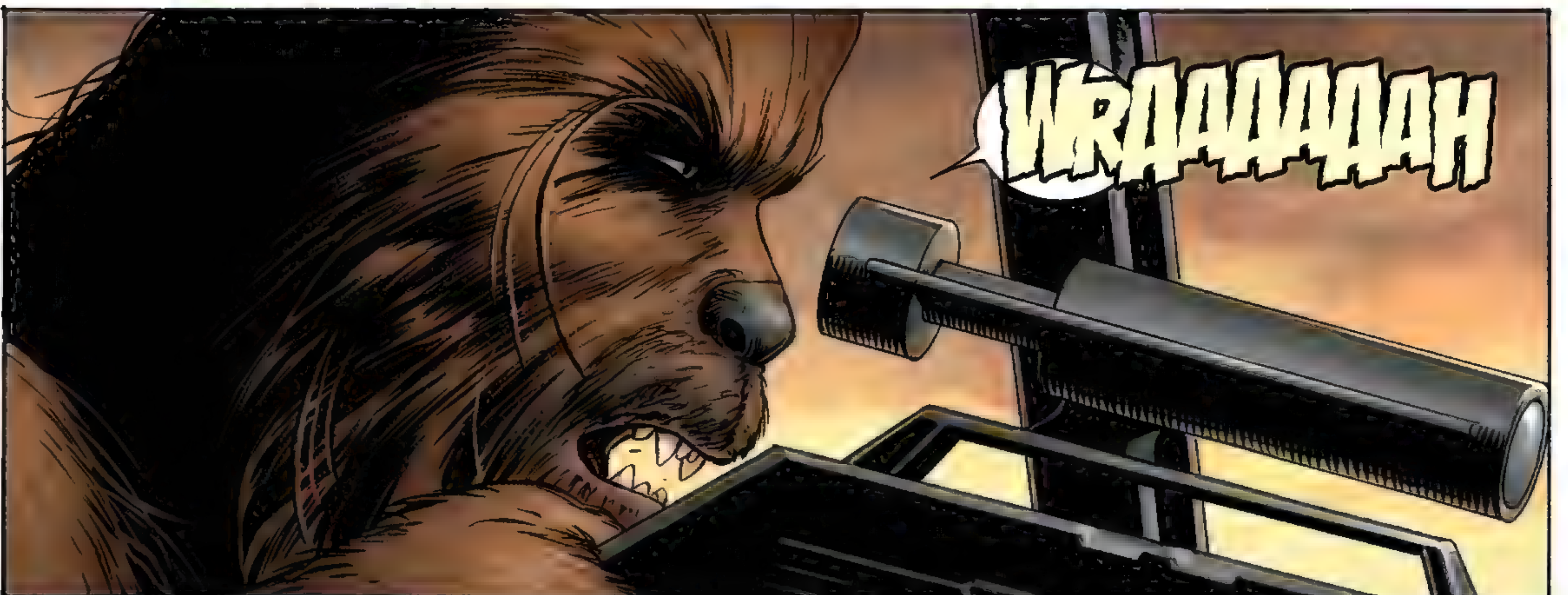
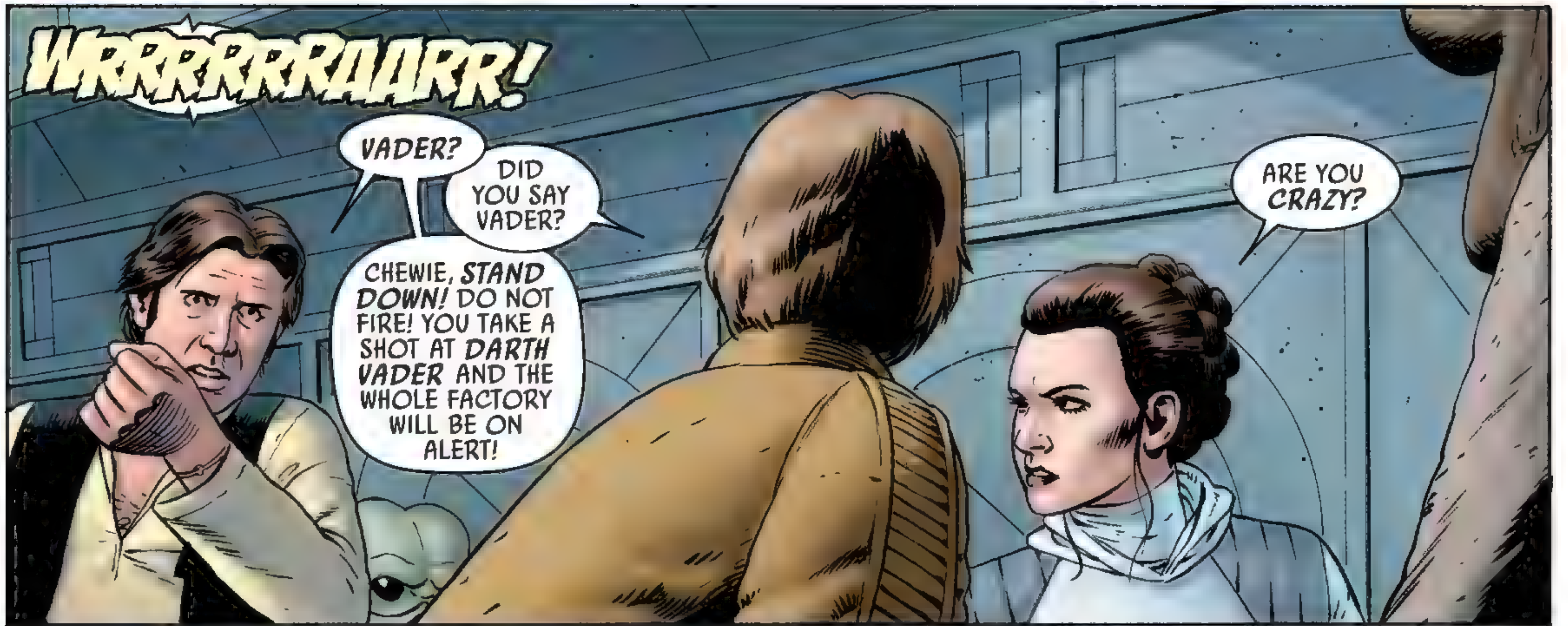


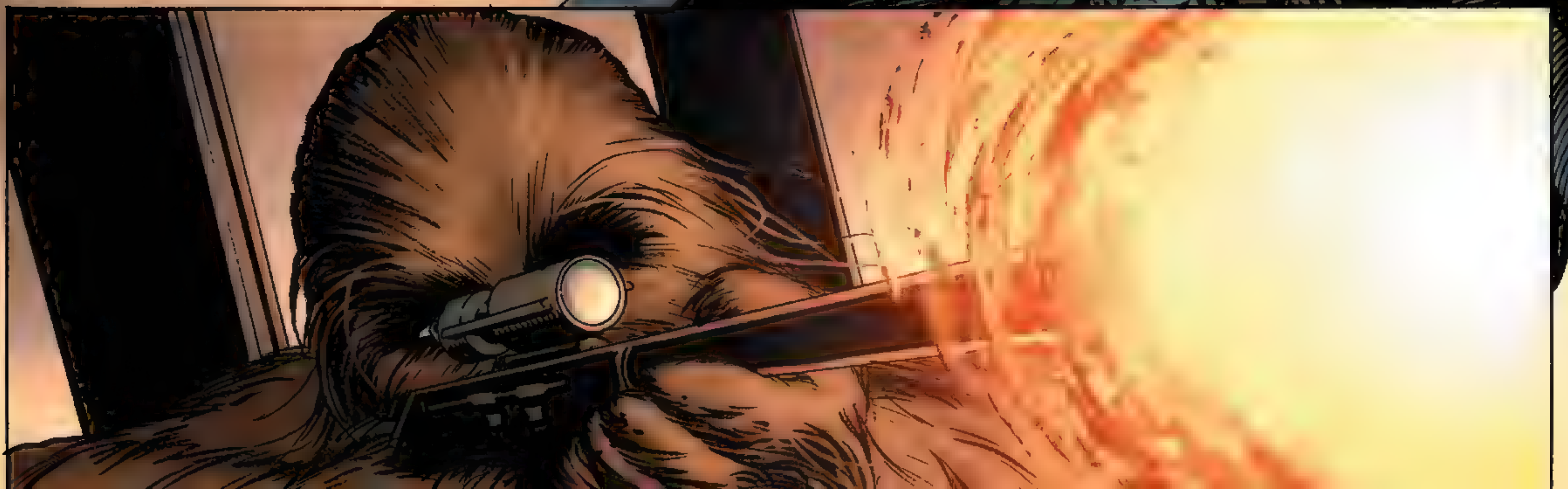
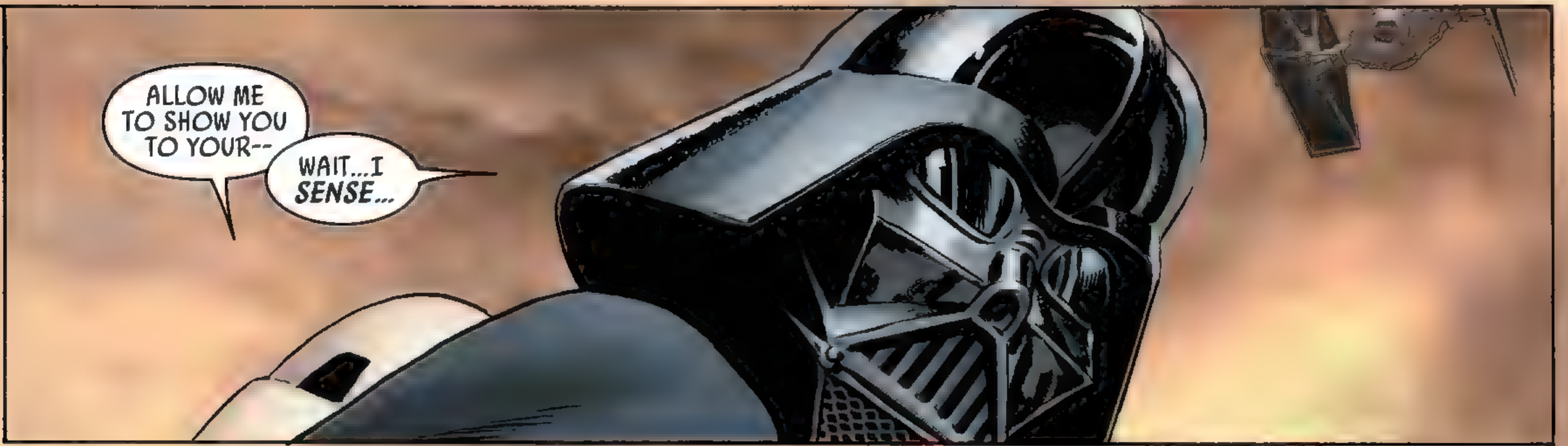
FOLLOW
ME.

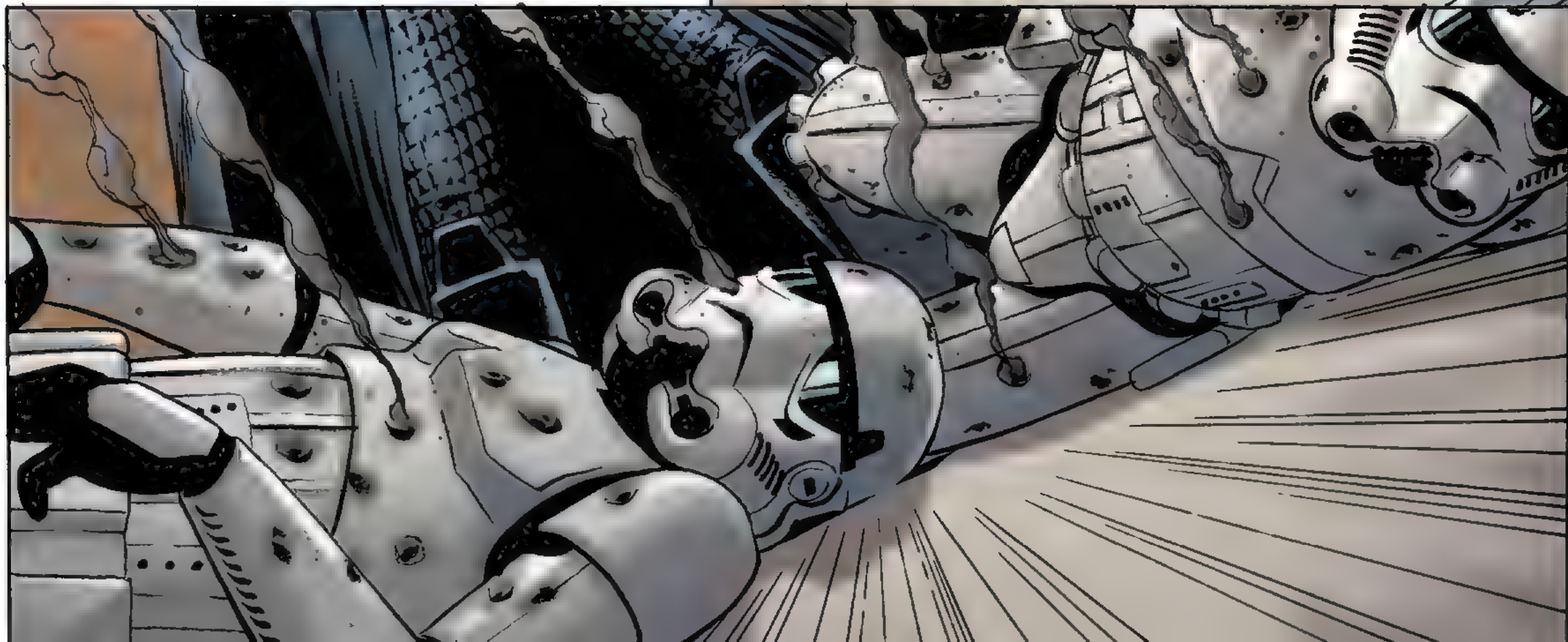
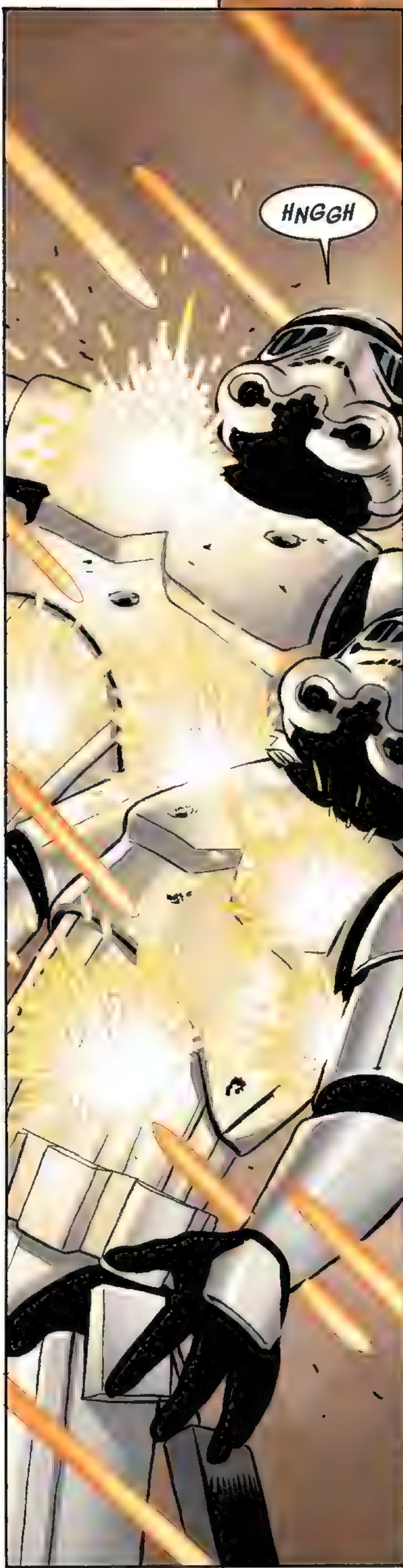
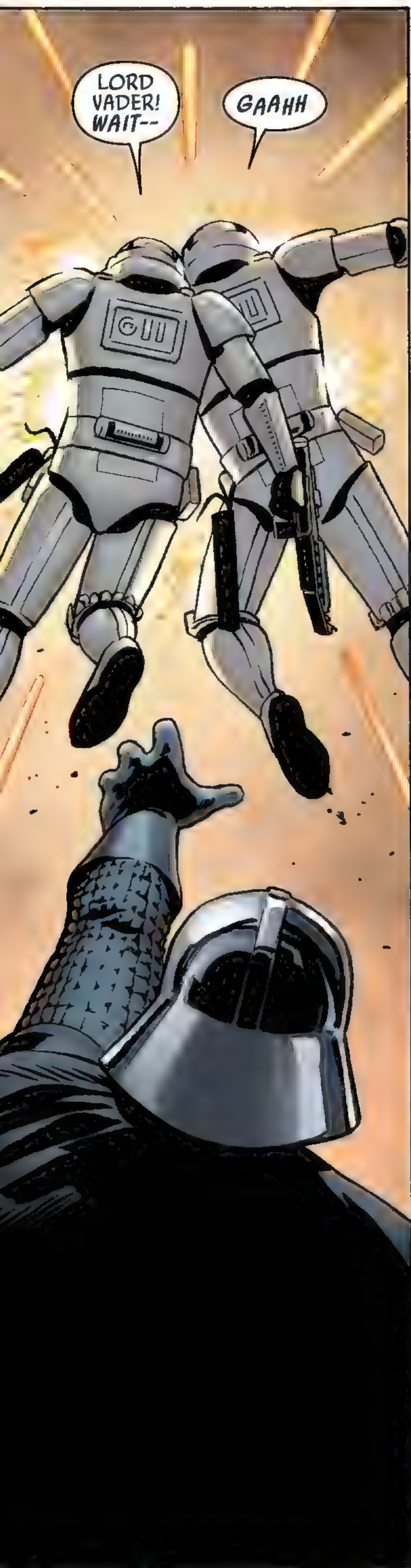


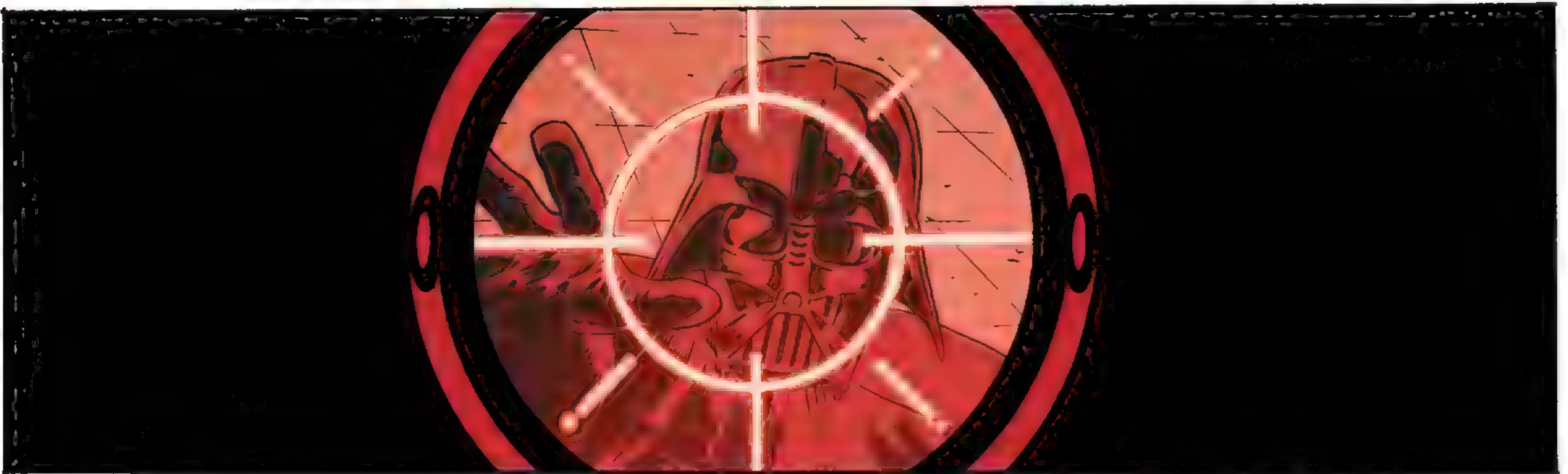
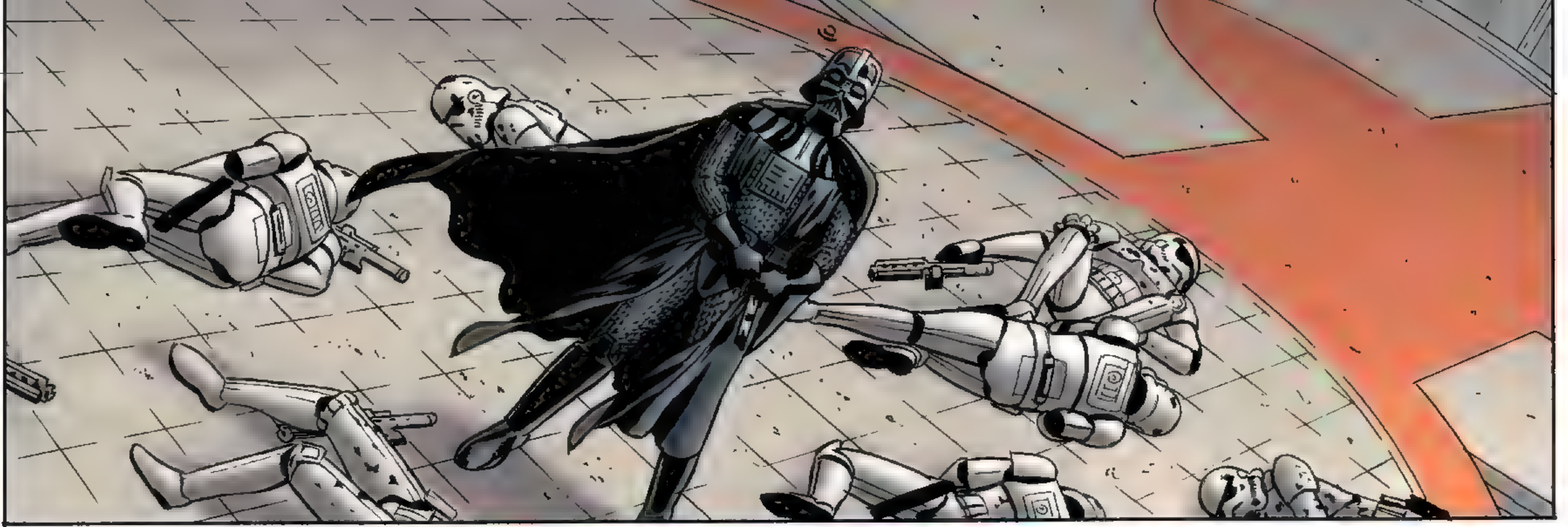




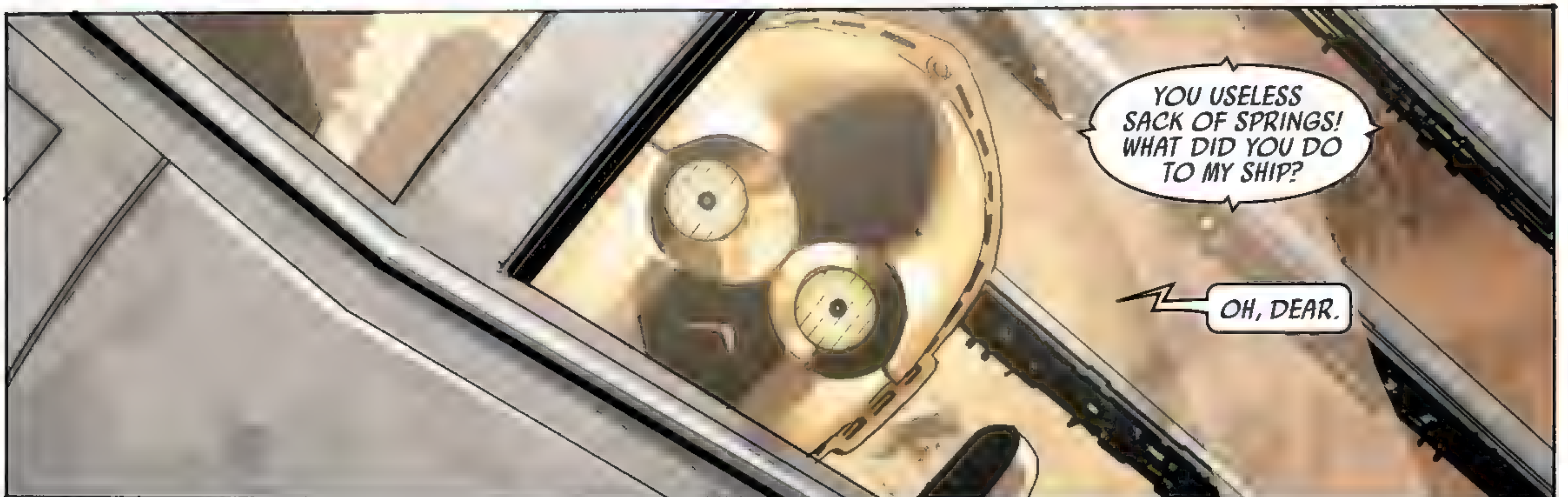


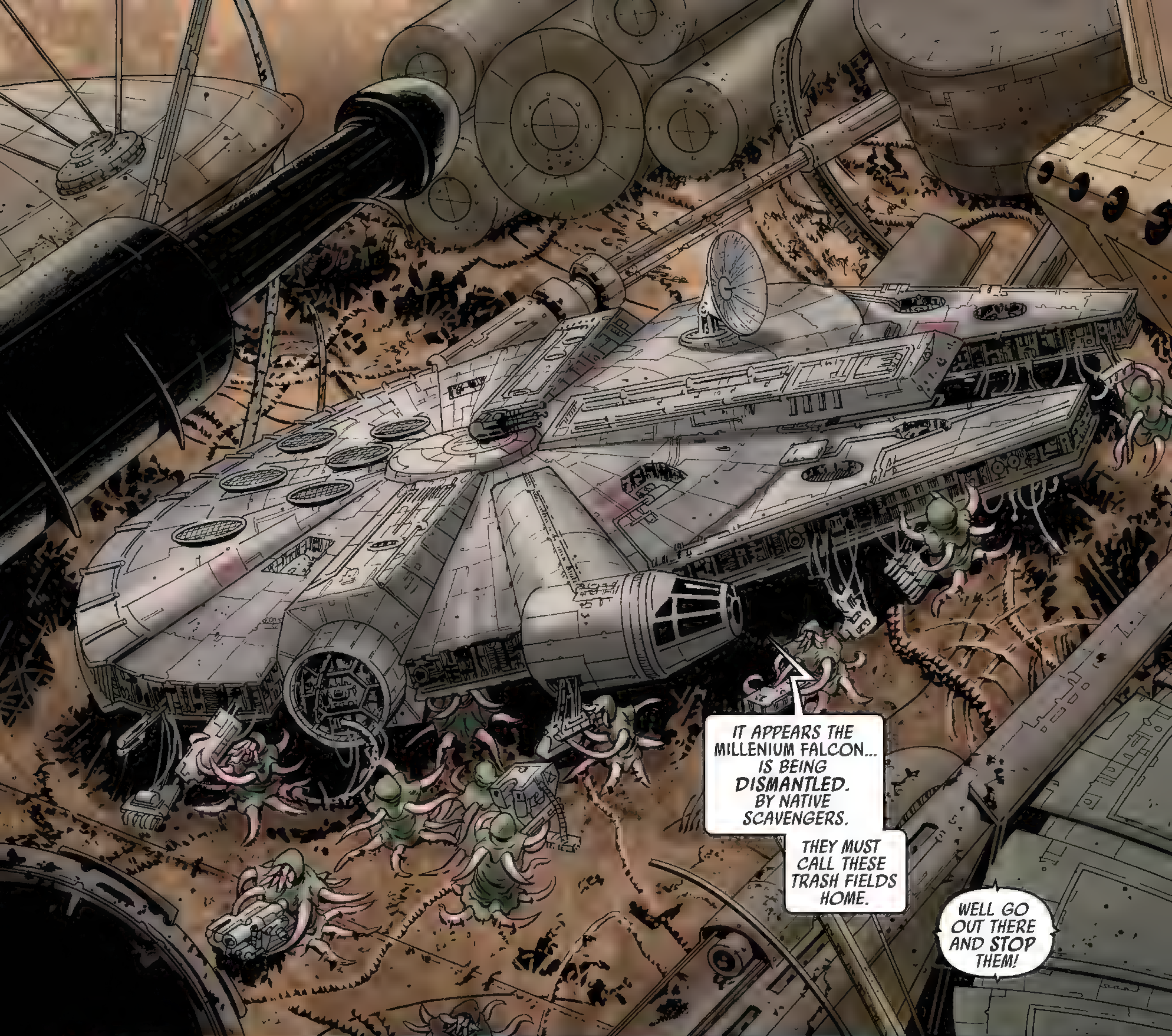








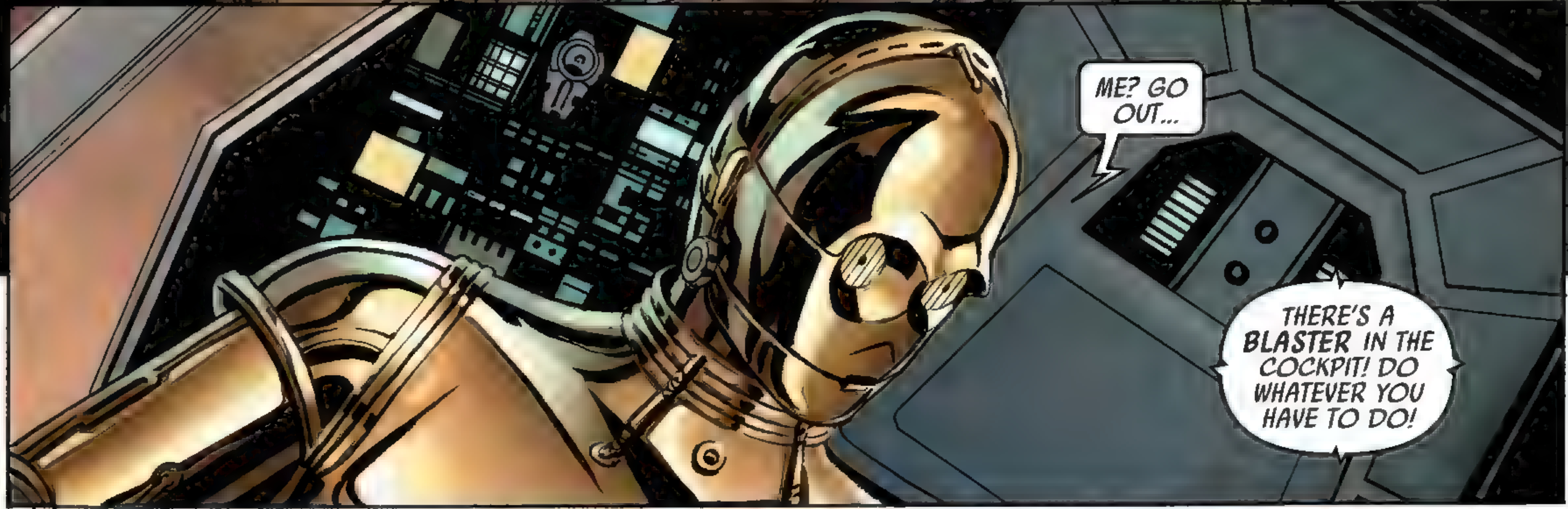




IT APPEARS THE
MILLENNIUM FALCON...
IS BEING
DISMANTLED.
BY NATIVE
SCAVENGERS.

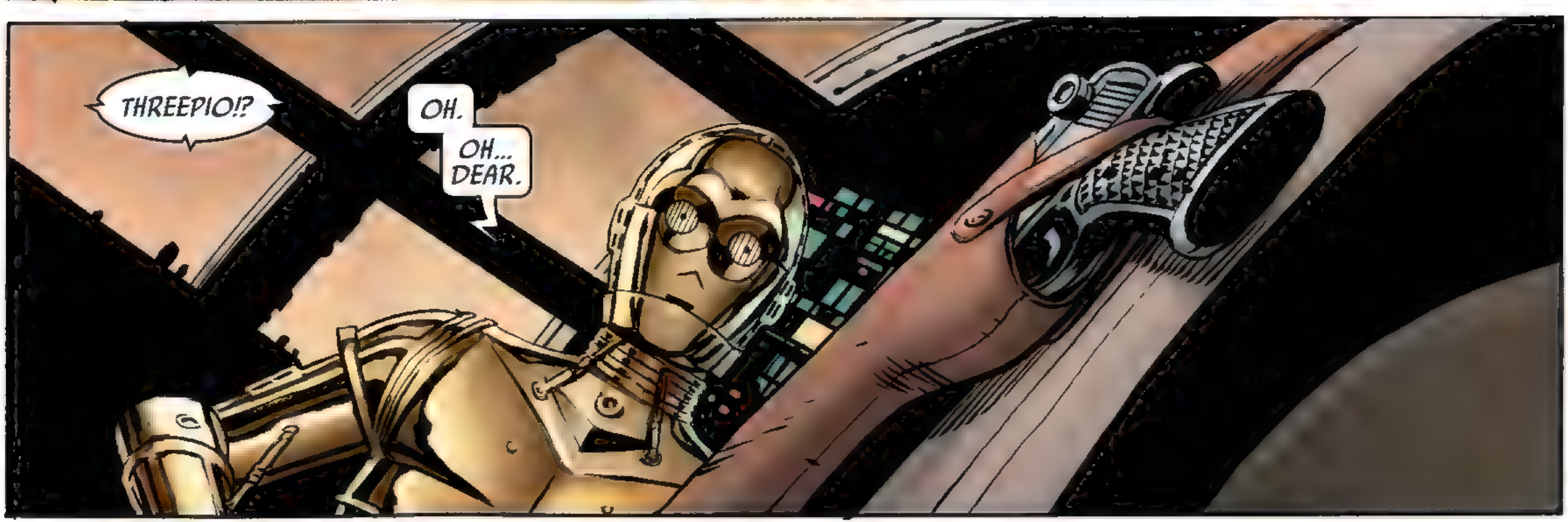
THEY MUST
CALL THESE
TRASH FIELDS
HOME.

WE'LL GO
OUT THERE
AND STOP
THEM!



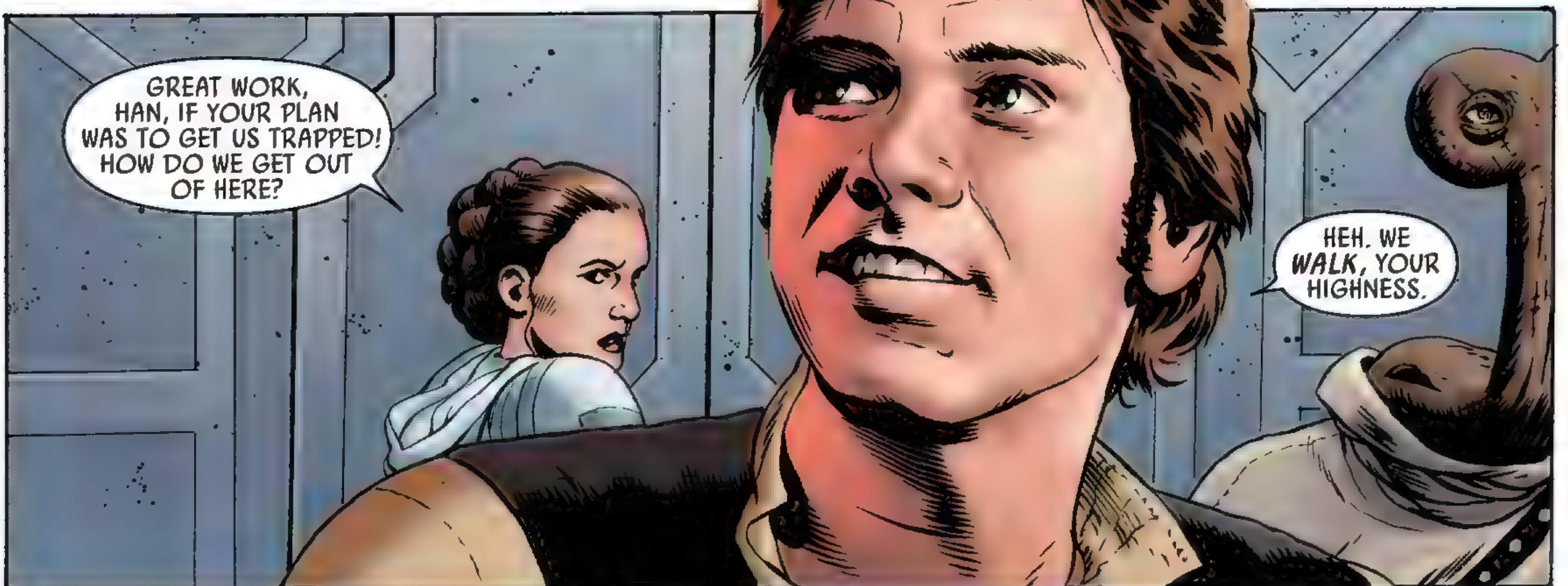
ME? GO
OUT...

THERE'S A
BLASTER IN THE
COCKPIT! DO
WHATEVER YOU
HAVE TO DO!



THREEPIO!?

OH.
OH...
DEAR.



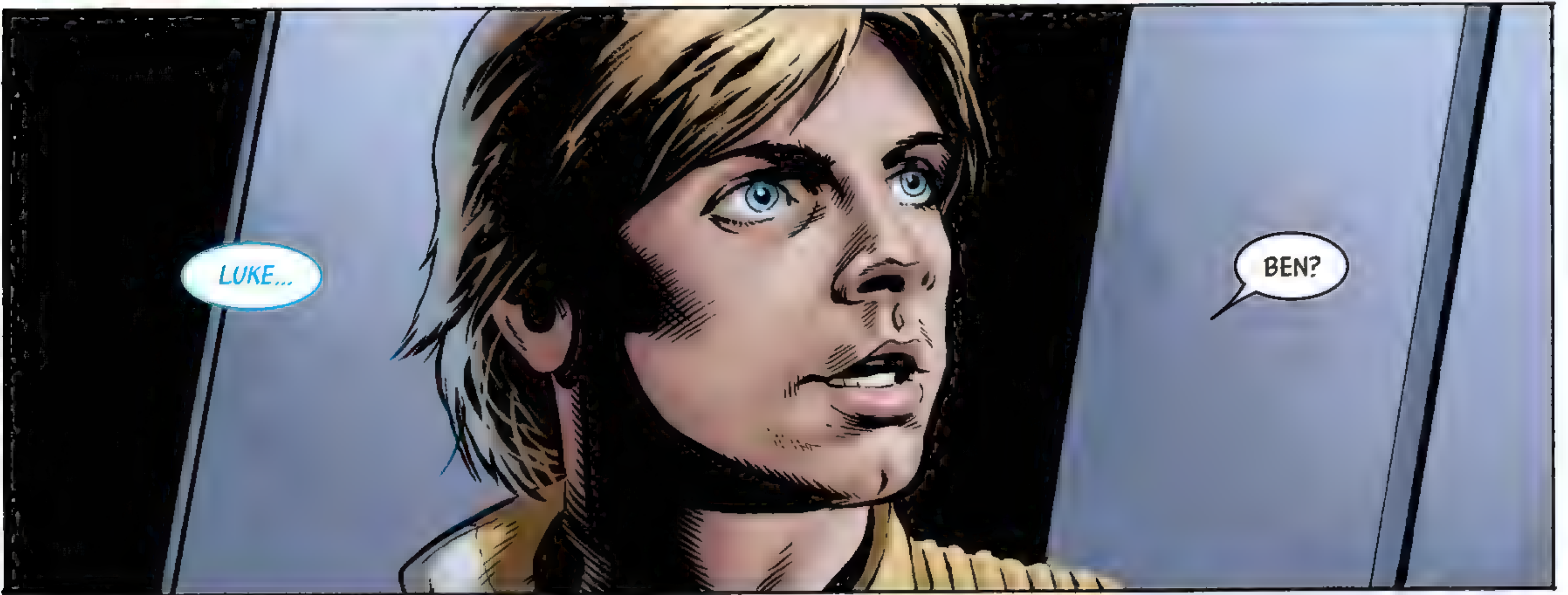


EVERYBODY
ON BOARD!
MOVE!

AN IMPERIAL
WALKER. CAN YOU
EVEN DRIVE ONE
OF THOSE
THINGS?

I CAN DRIVE
ANYTHING.
LET'S GO!

WAIT...
WHERE'S
LUKE?



LUKE...

BEN?



BEN,
IS THAT
YOU?

BEN, HE'S
HERE. DARTH
VADER. THE MAN
WHO KILLED MY
FATHER. WHO
KILLED YOU.

I HAVE TO
FACE HIM. I
HAVE TO END
THIS.



LUKE...
LISTEN TO ME
CAREFULLY...



RUN.

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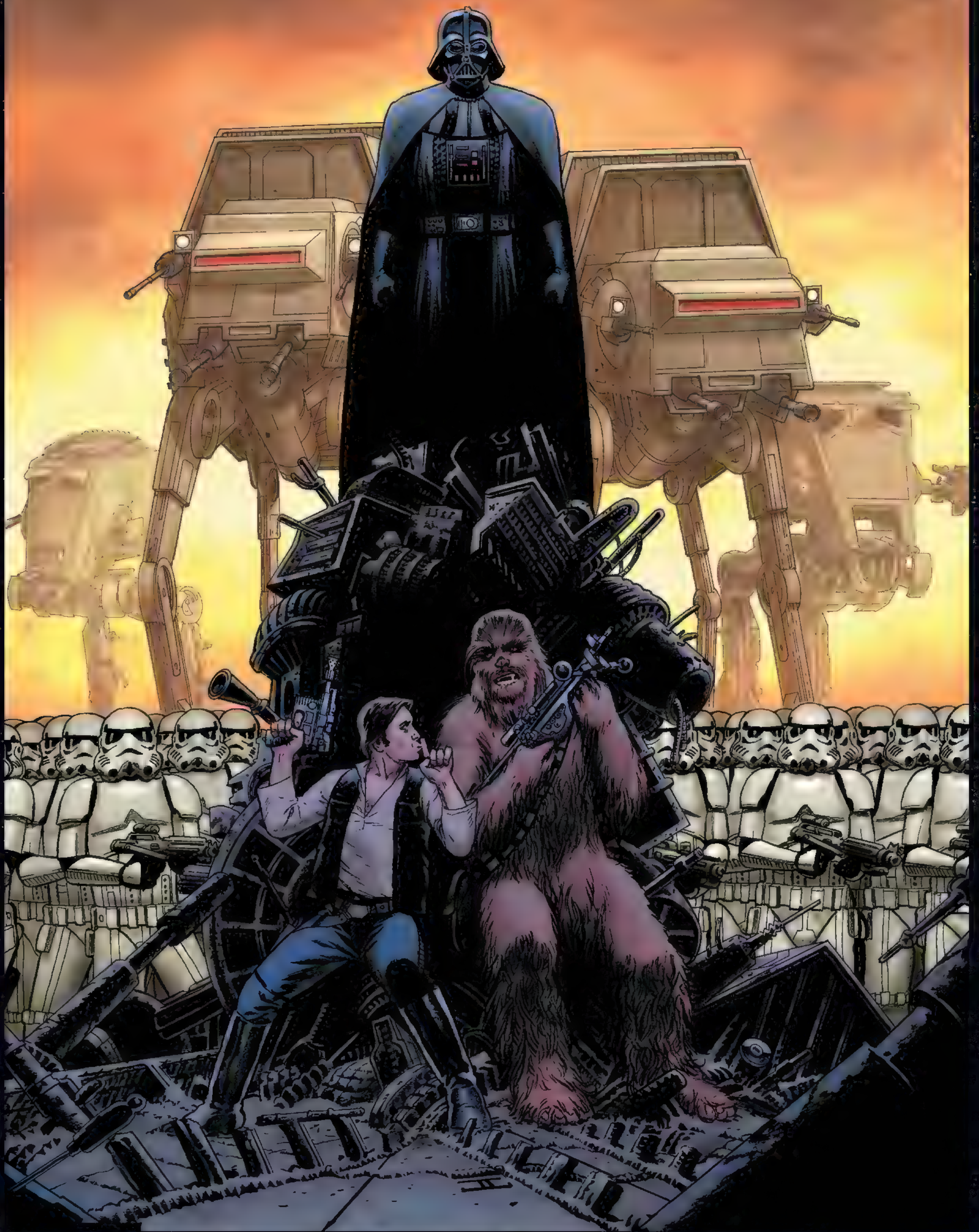
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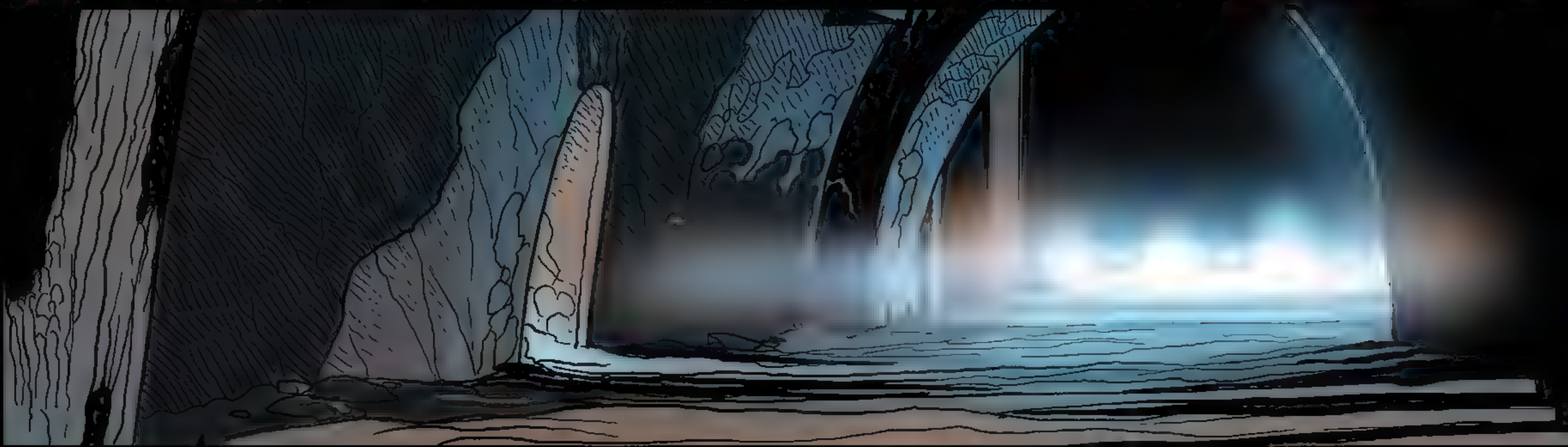
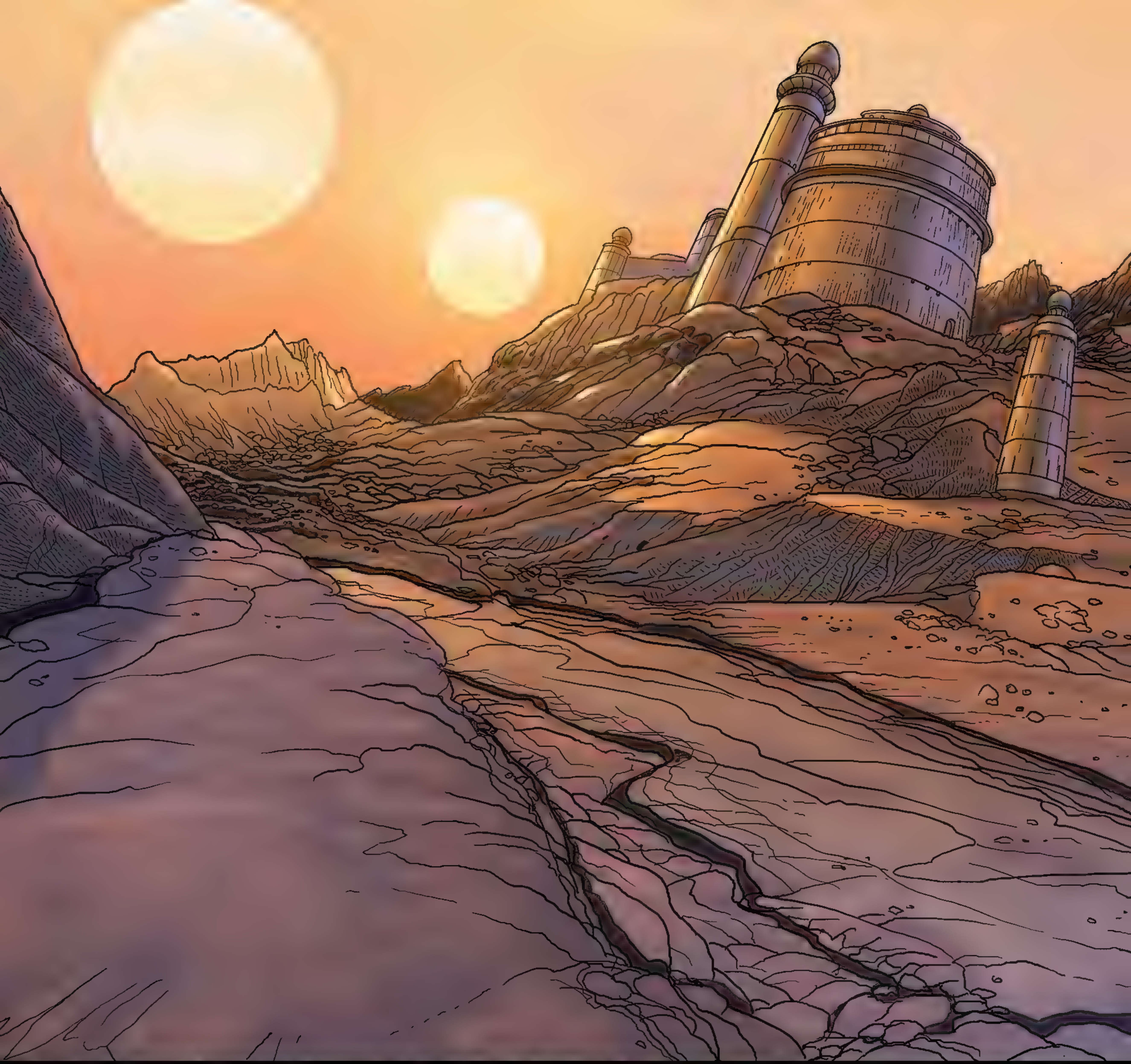


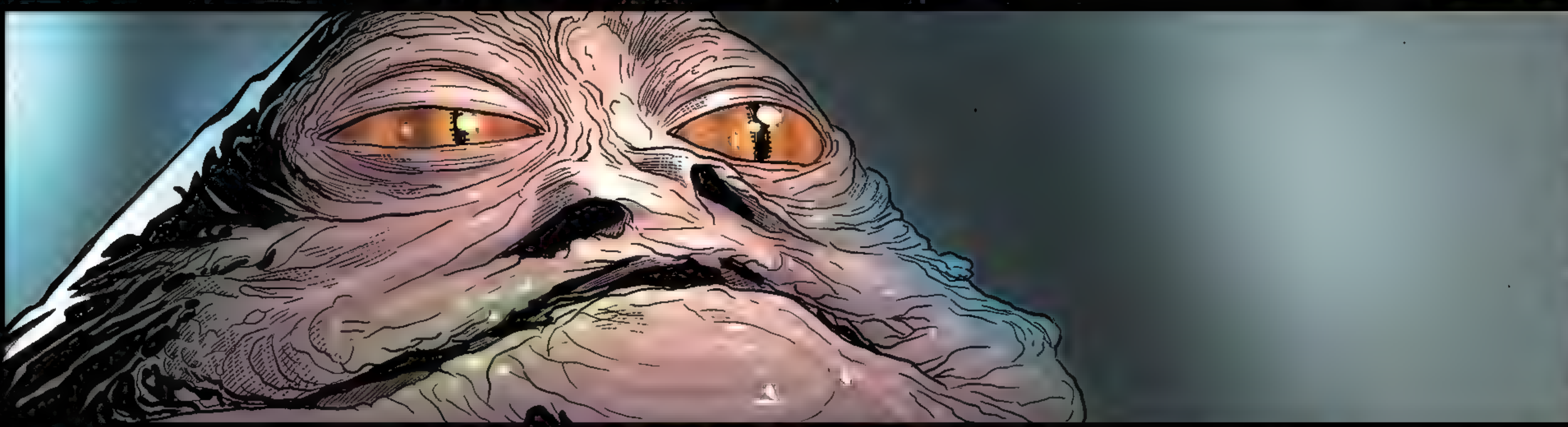
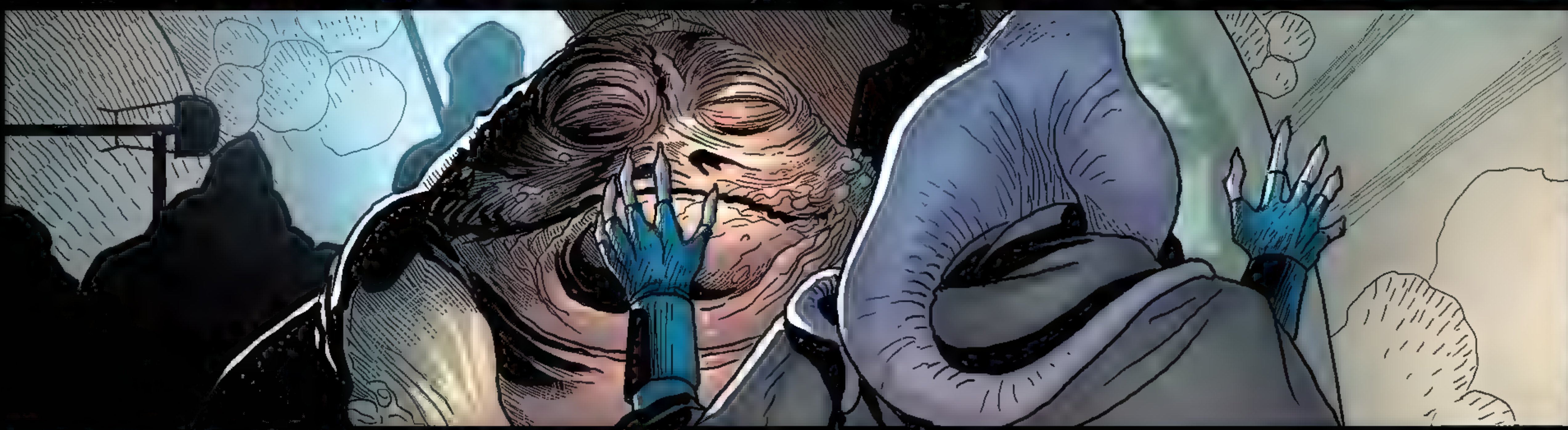
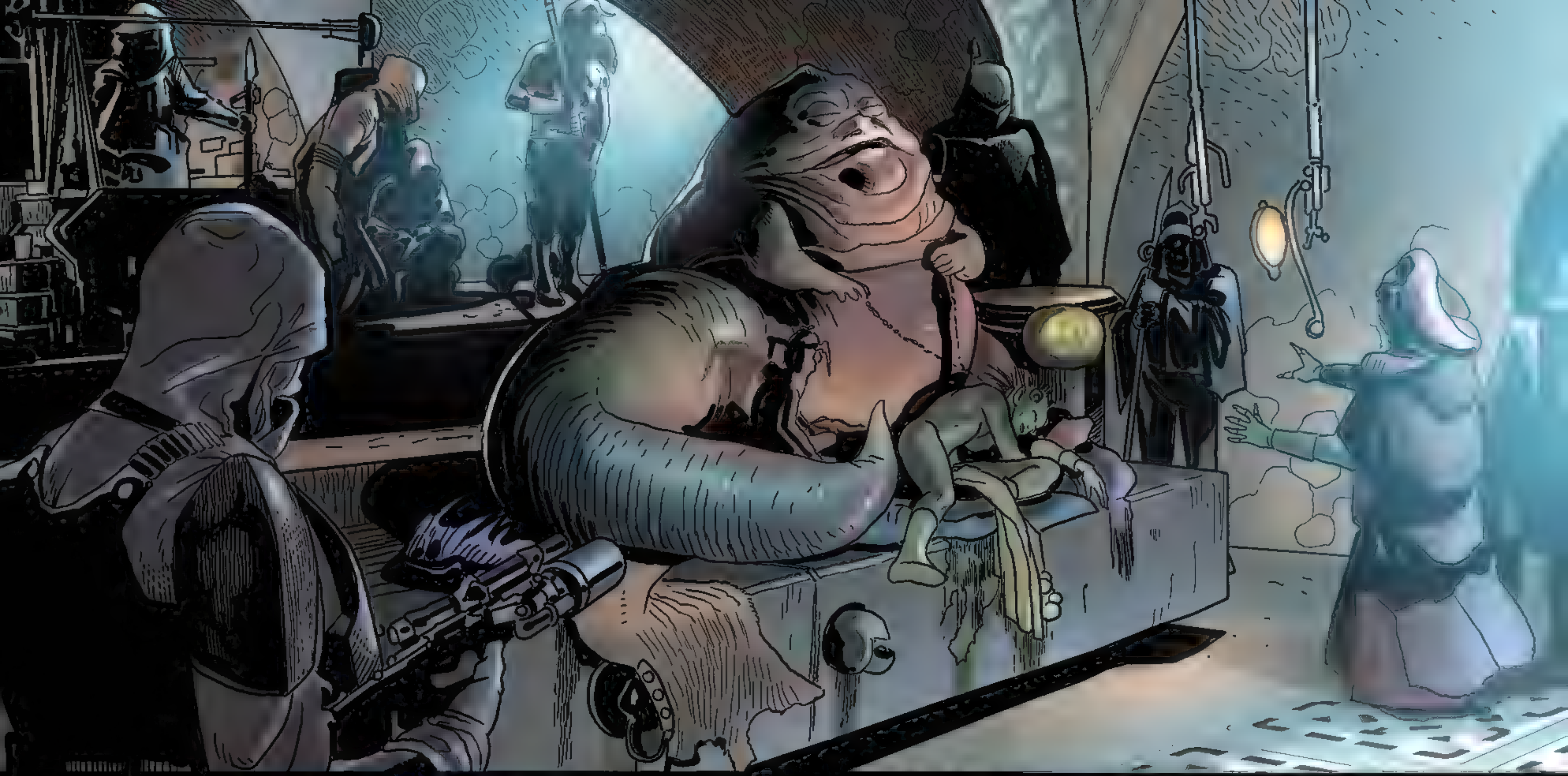
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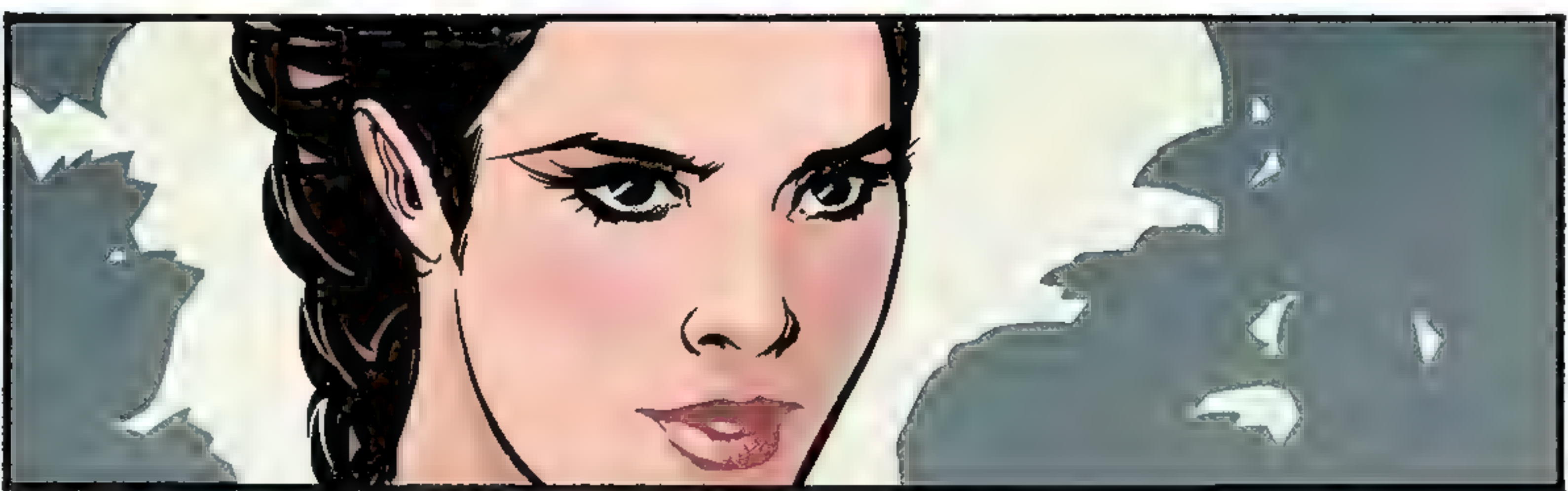
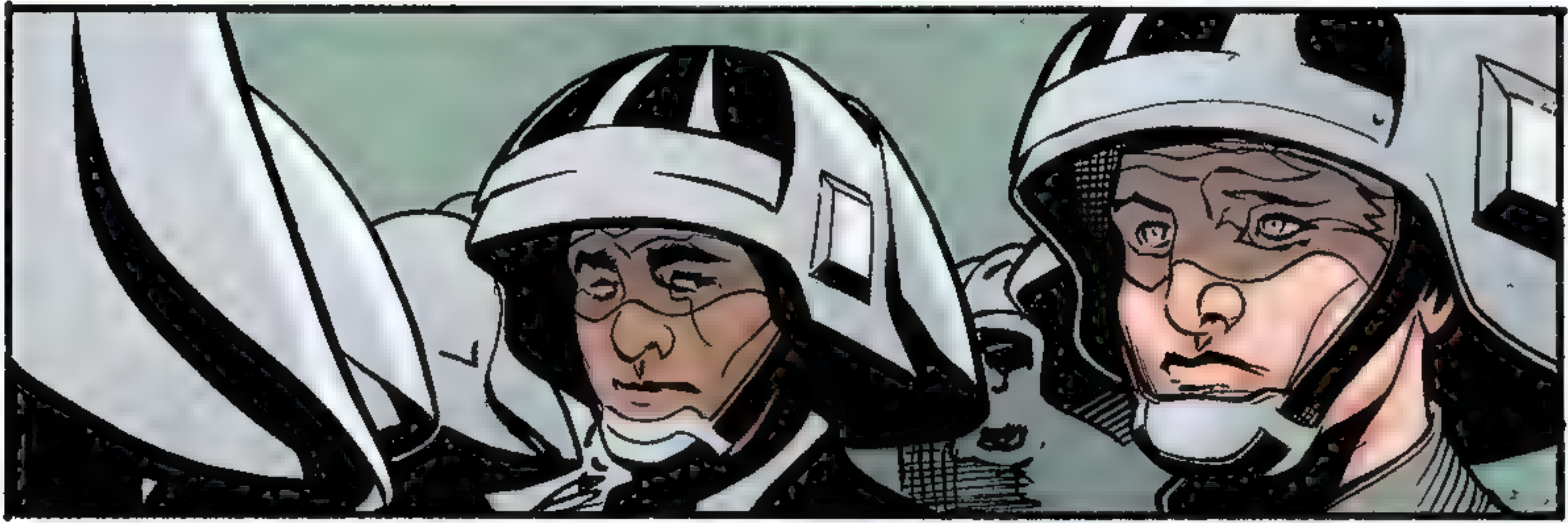
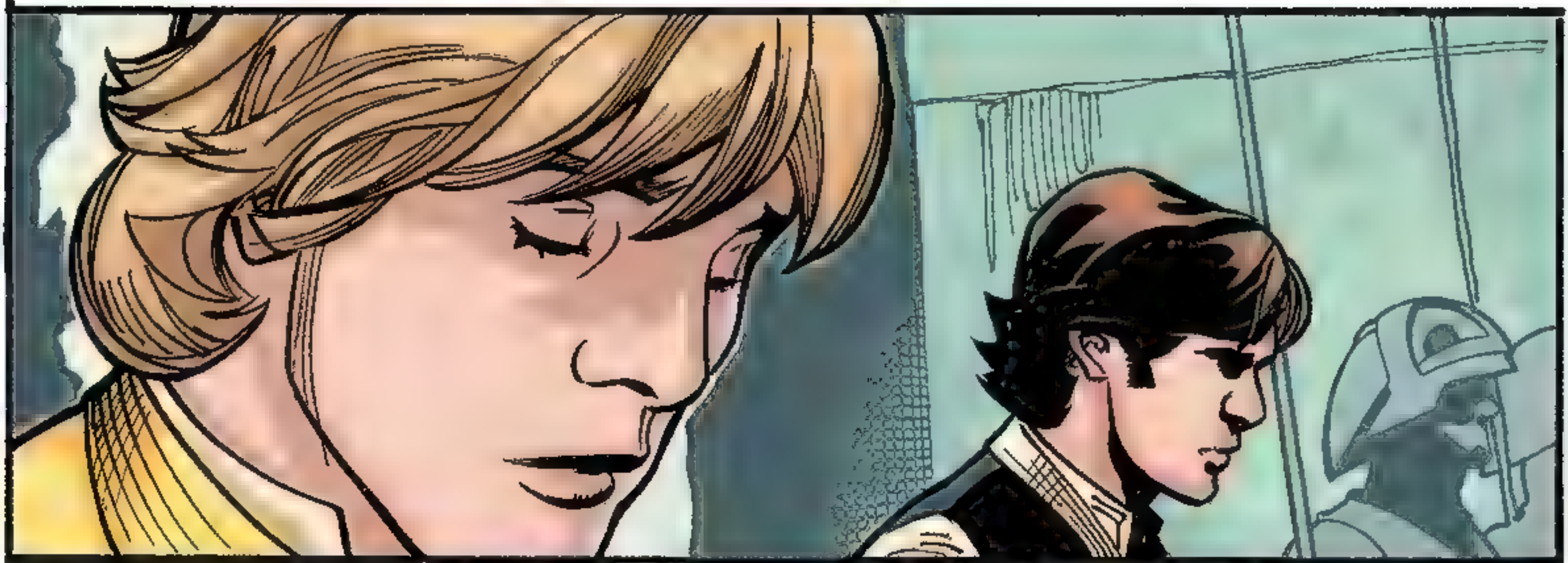
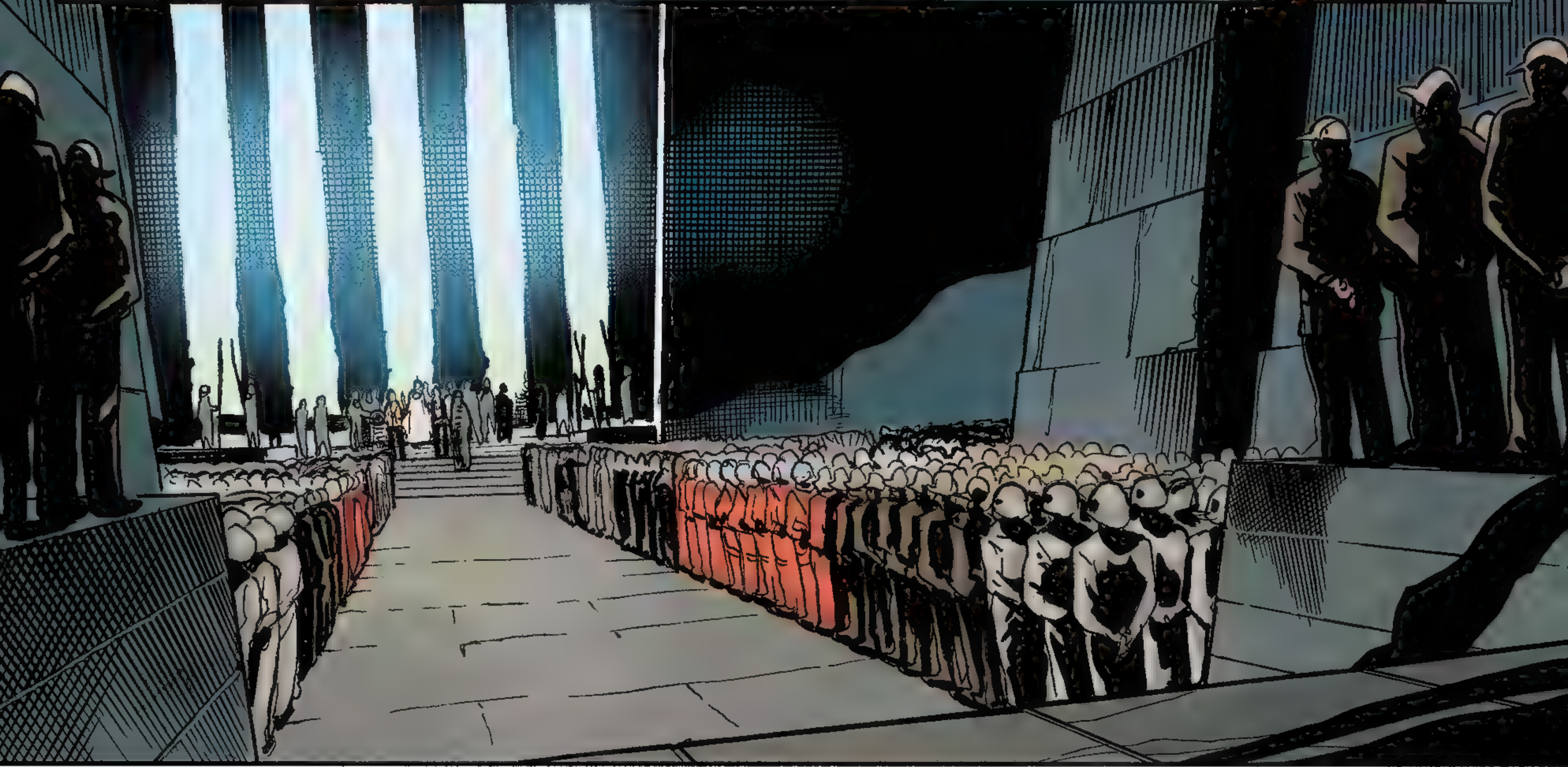
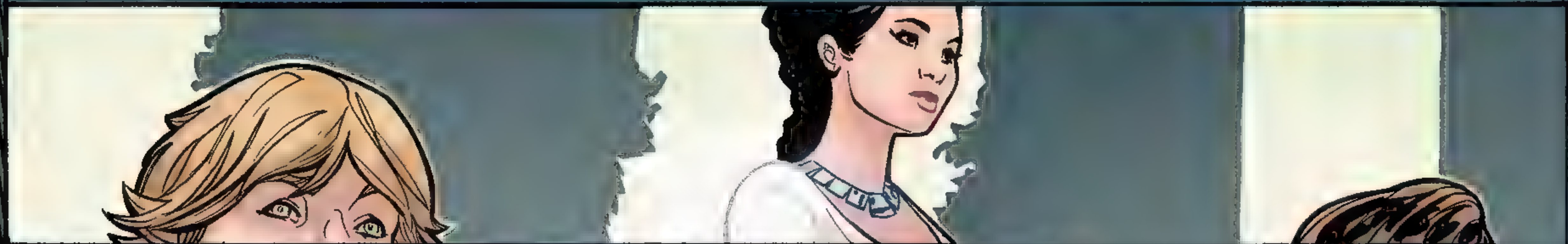
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On the heels of its greatest victory against the evil Galactic Empire, the destruction of the Death Star, the Rebel Alliance is pushing its advantage.

Princess Leia Organa has led a covert team in an attack on Cymoon 1, possibly the largest weapons factory in the entire Empire. Posing as emissaries from an Outer Rim crime syndicate, they gained access and planted charges.

Unfortunately, the “fully automated” factory also contains a number of innocent slave workers. Now, the Rebels race to escape with the freed slaves before the factory is destroyed—a task made far more difficult by the arrival of Sith Lord Darth Vader on the moon....

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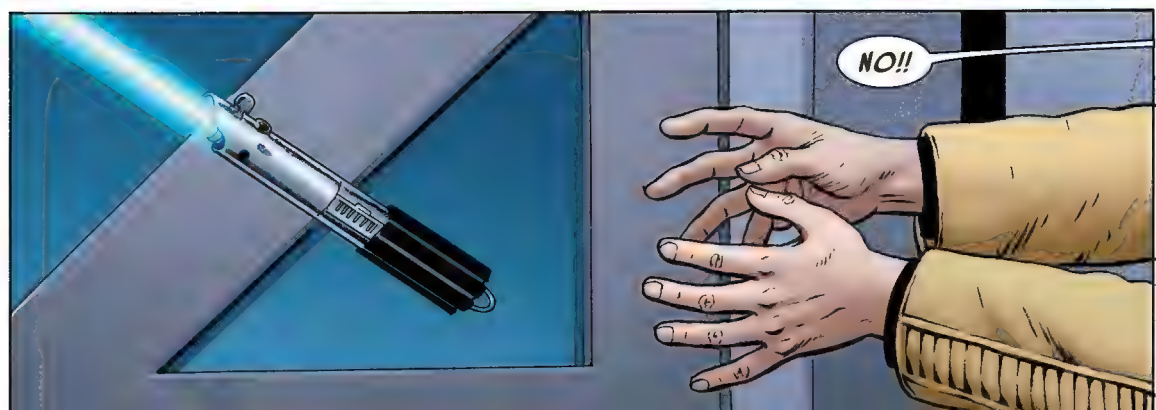
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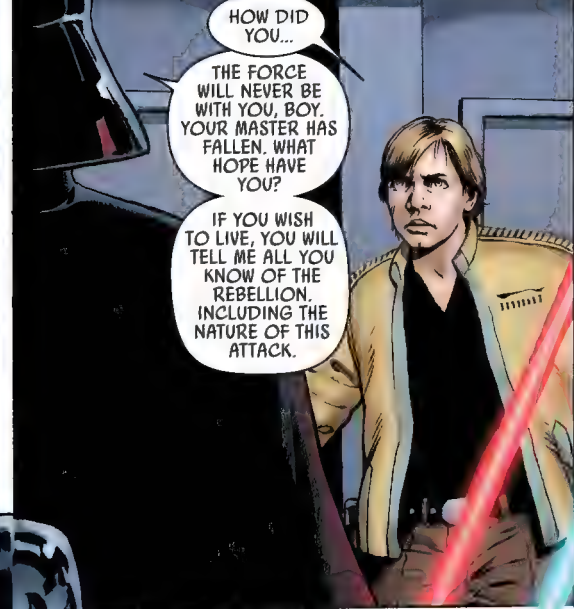






SO...OBI-WAN
KENOBI GAVE
YOU THIS
LIGHTSABER. A
SHAME HE DID
NOT TEACH YOU
HOW TO WIELD
IT.

HE NEVER
DID MAKE
FOR MUCH OF
A MASTER.



HOW DID
YOU...

THE FORCE
WILL NEVER BE
WITH YOU, BOY.
YOUR MASTER HAS
FALLEN. WHAT
HOPE HAVE
YOU?

IF YOU WISH
TO LIVE, YOU WILL
TELL ME ALL YOU
KNOW OF THE
REBELLION,
INCLUDING THE
NATURE OF THIS
ATTACK.



AND THEN
YOU WILL LEAD
ME TO THE REBEL
PILOT WHO
DESTROYED THE
DEATH STAR.

AND WATCH
AS I STRIKE
HIM DOWN.



SPEAK
QUICKLY. OR
JOIN YOUR
FATHER.

I'D RATHER
DIE THAN YIELD
TO YOU.

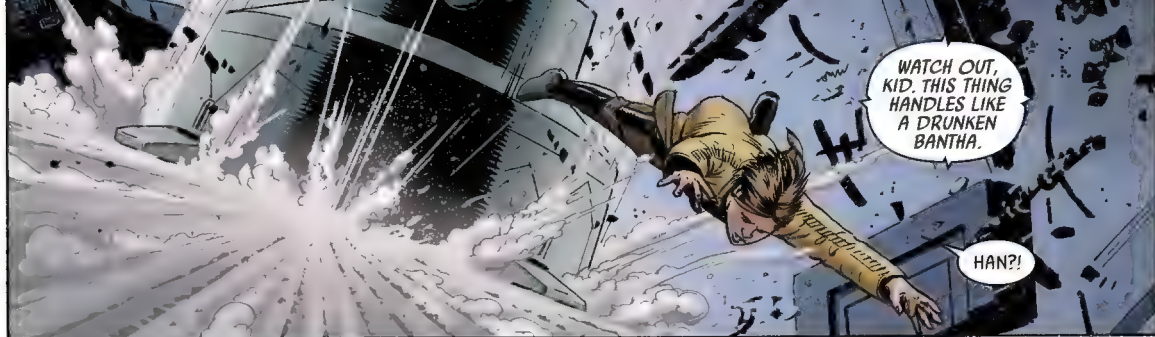


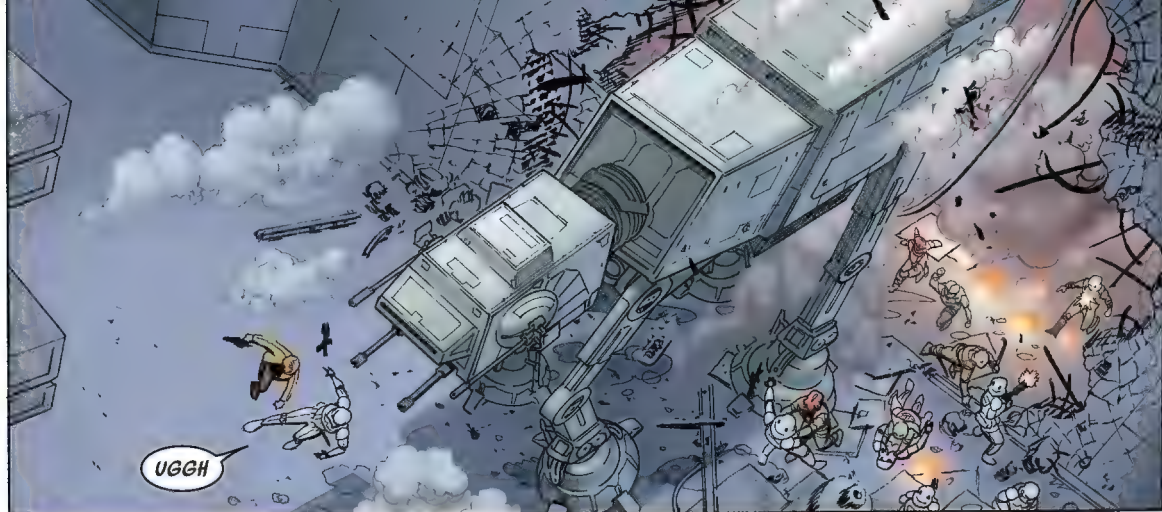
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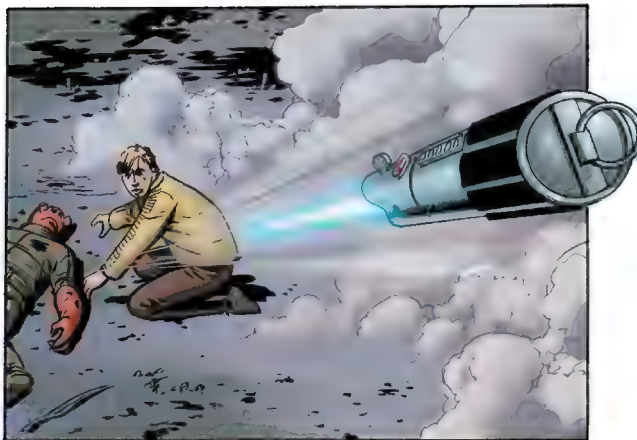


WAIT...THIS
LIGHTSABER...

I KNOW THIS
WEAPON.
THIS ONCE
BELONGED
TO--









WOULD YOU WATCH WHERE YOU'RE DRIVING, YOU IDIOT?! YOU NEARLY STEPPED ON A TWI'LEK!

IF YOU'RE GONNA STEP ON SOMEBODY, STEP ON VADER! HE'S THE ONE IN **BLACK!**

WELL YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB OF THAT!

I'M NOT TRYING TO STEP ON ANYBODY. I JUST WANNA GET US OUTTA HERE.

LOOK, DON'T BLAME ME. BLAME THE BUCKETHEAD WHO DESIGNED THIS LUMBERING MONSTROSITY.

WE'RE GOING TO **DIE** IN THIS MONSTROSITY IF YOU DON'T--

THIS IS NOT HELPING! YOU YELLING AT ME IS NOT HELPING! YOU WANNA HELP, **SHOOT** SOMETHING!

I'D LOVE TO, GENIUS, BUT YOU PICKED A WALKER THAT HASN'T HAD ITS **CANNONS** HOOKED UP YET!

WE'RE WORKING ON THAT!

RIGHT, GUYS? PLEASE TELL ME WE'RE WORKING ON THAT.

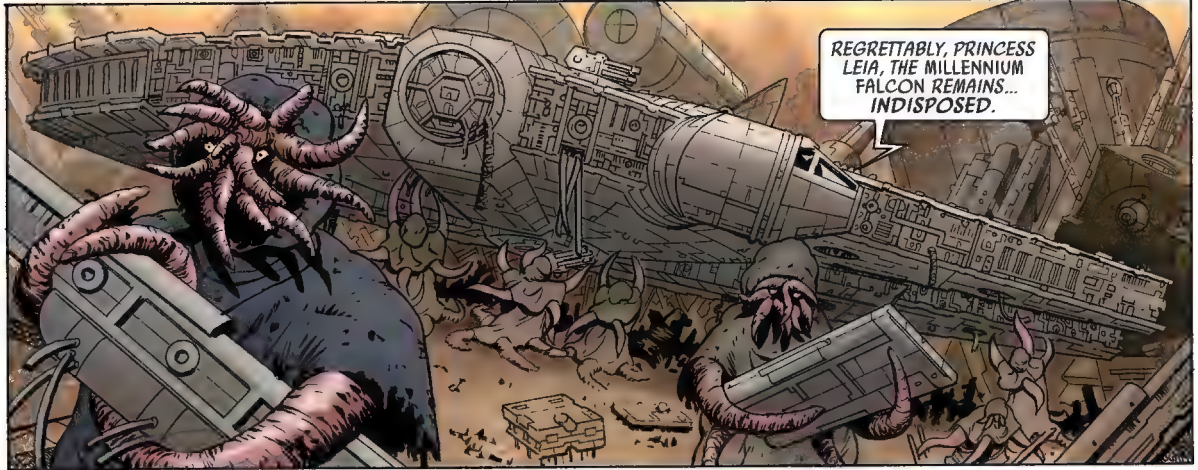
**TWEEET
BADEEP
BRRRRP**



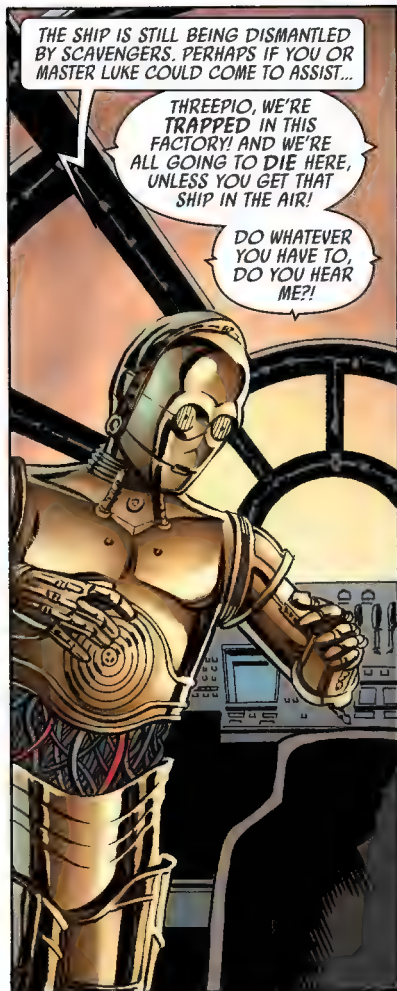
ARTOO WILL GET THE CANNONS ACTIVATED. WE JUST HAVE TO GIVE 'EM TIME.

WE DON'T HAVE TIME!

THREEPIO, COME IN! WE NEED THE FALCON! TELL ME YOU'RE EN-ROUTE!



REGRETTABLY, PRINCESS LEIA, THE MILLENNIUM FALCON REMAINS... INDISPOSED.



THE SHIP IS STILL BEING DISMANTLED BY SCAVENGERS. PERHAPS IF YOU OR MASTER LUKE COULD COME TO ASSIST...

THREEPIO, WE'RE TRAPPED IN THIS FACTORY! AND WE'RE ALL GOING TO DIE HERE, UNLESS YOU GET THAT SHIP IN THE AIR!

DO WHATEVER YOU HAVE TO, DO YOU HEAR ME?!



THAT'S AN ORDER!

YES, PRINCESS.

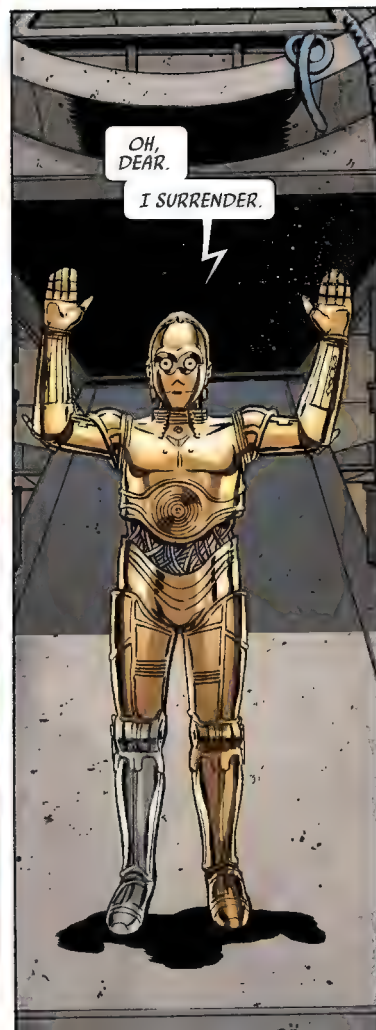
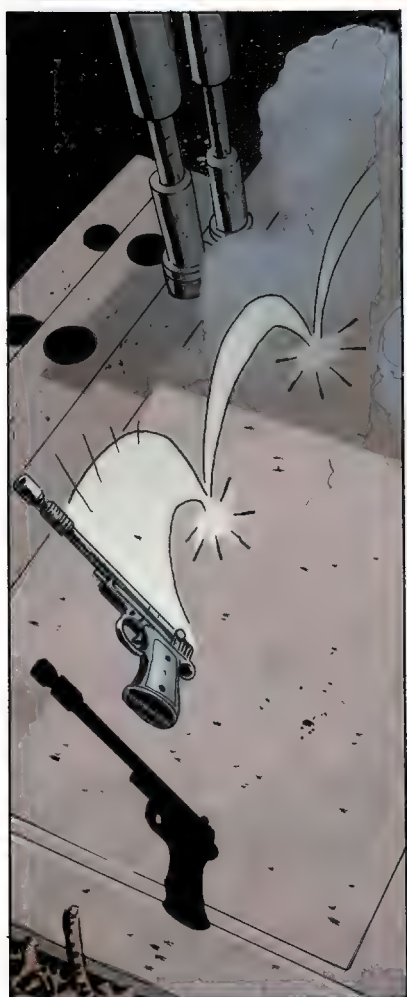
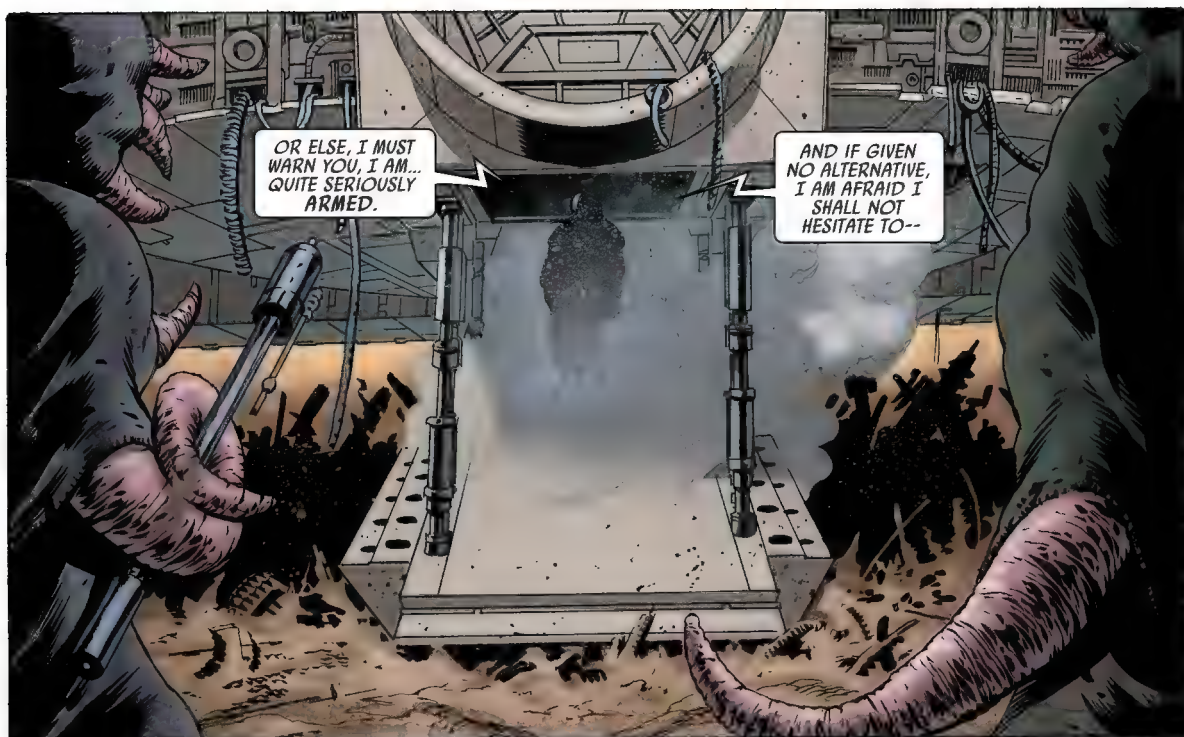
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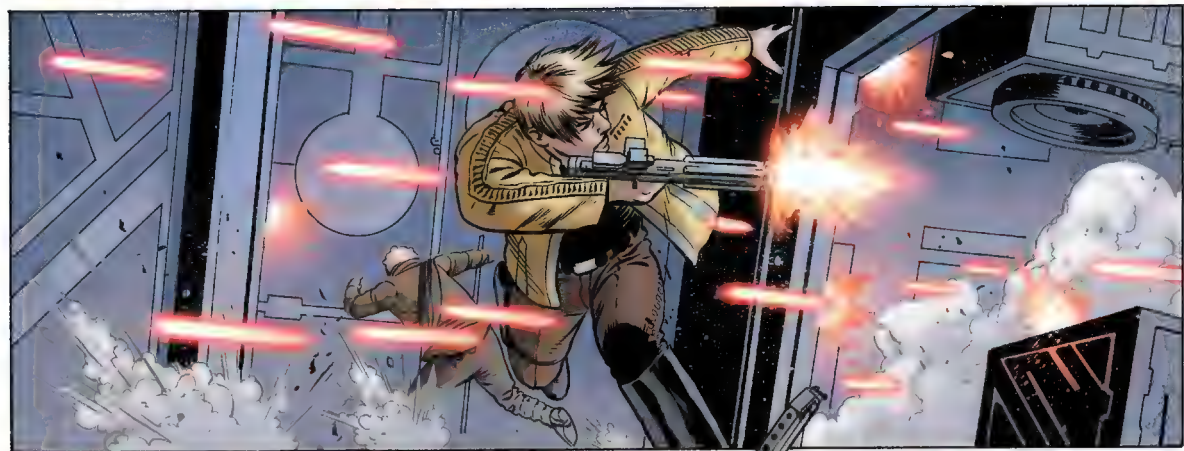
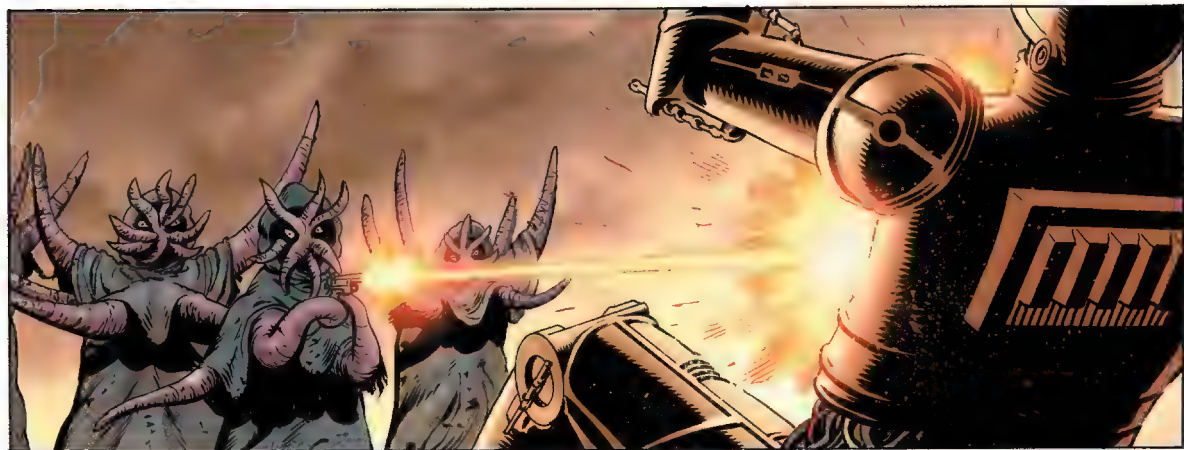


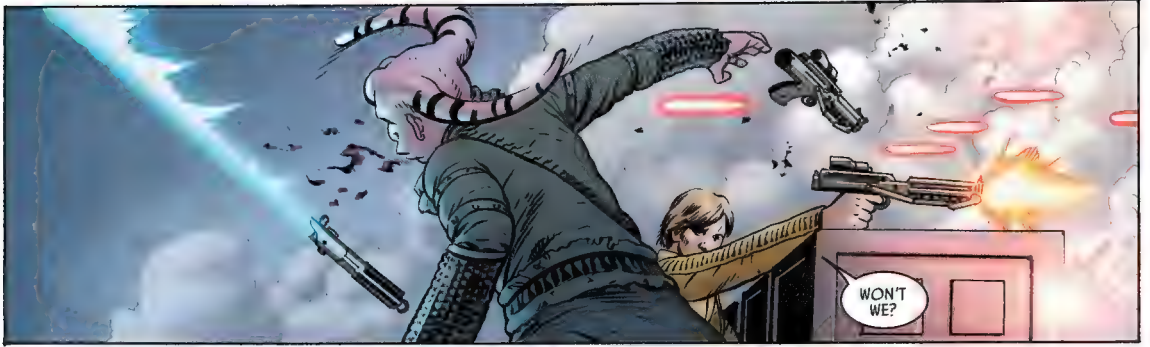
EXCUSE ME.

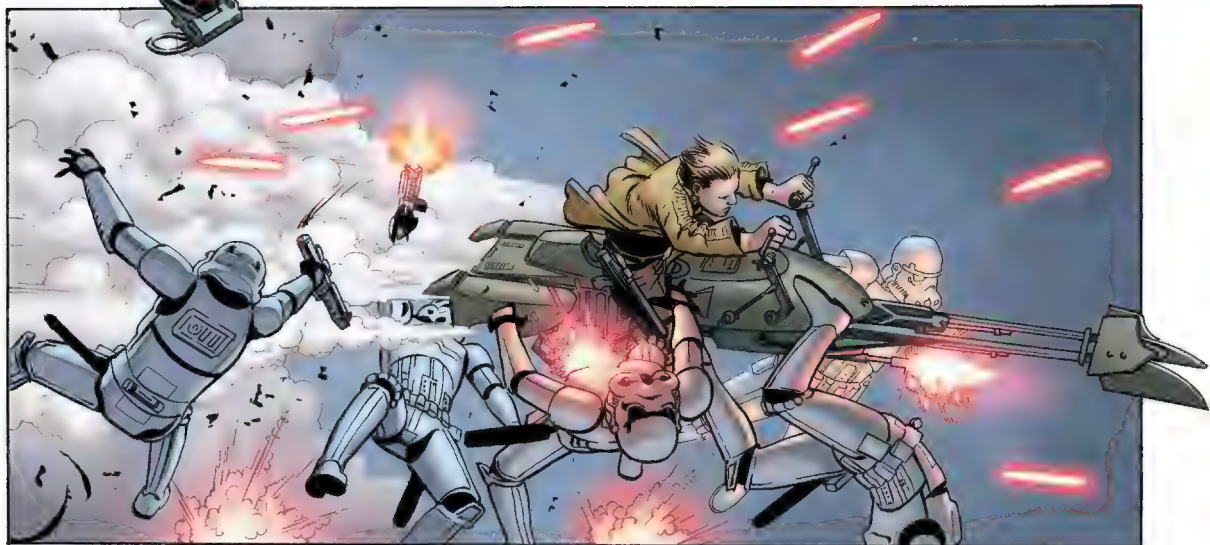
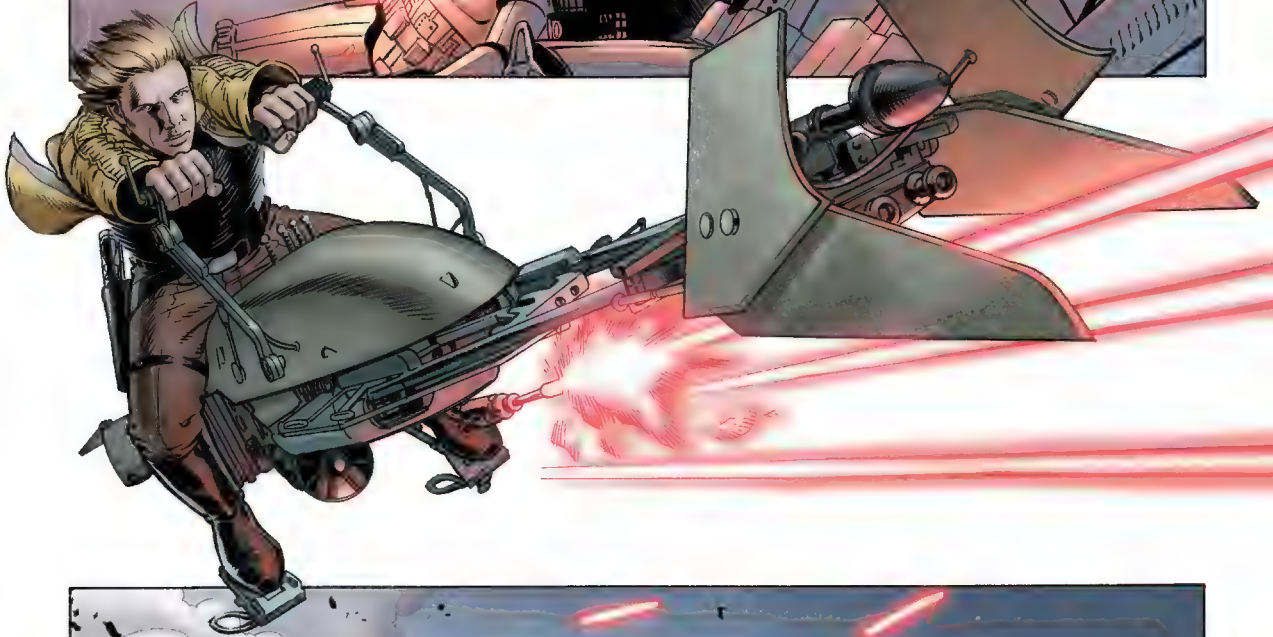
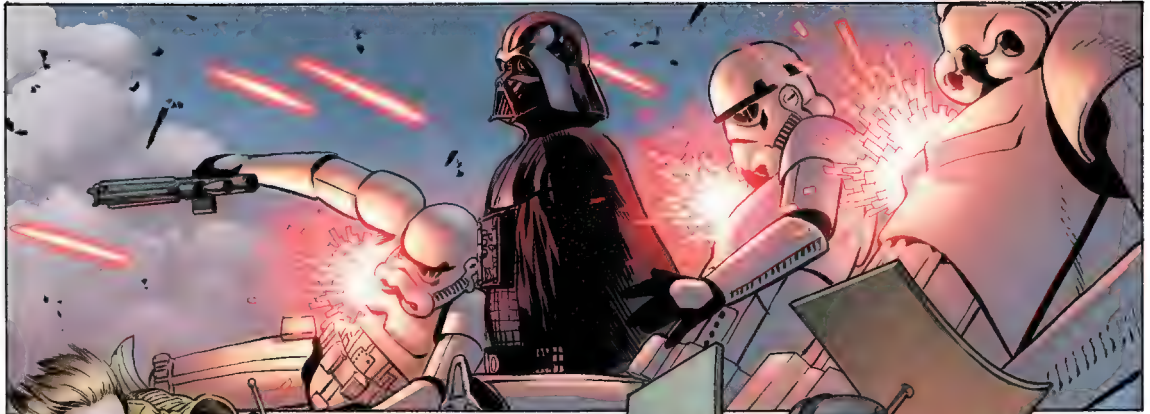
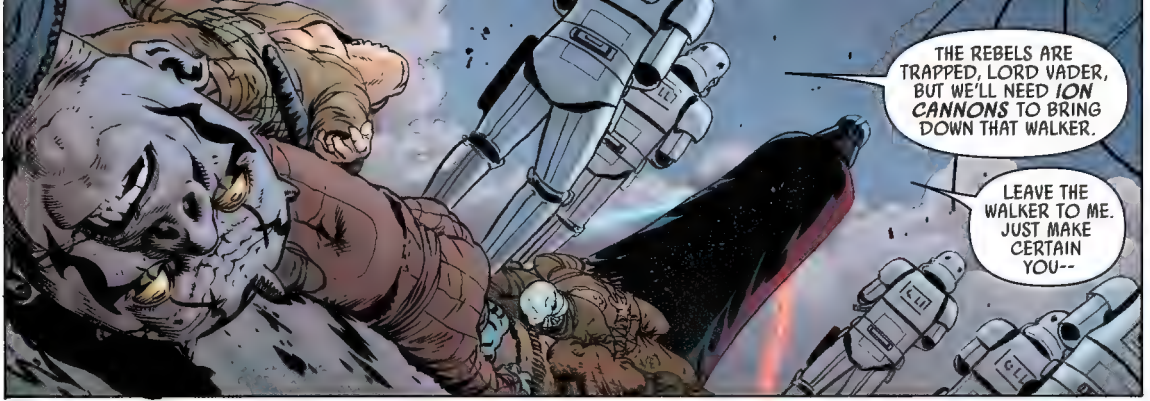
AH, ATTENTION, SCAVENGERS AND VARIOUS UNKNOWN ALIEN LIFEFORMS. PLEASE REFRAIN FROM FURTHER DISASSEMBLING OF THIS VESSEL.

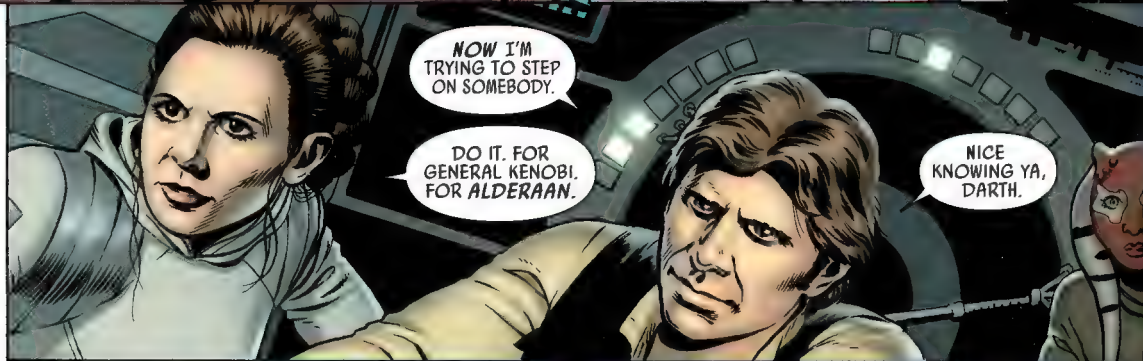
AND RETURN AT ONCE TO YOUR... DOMICILES. WHEREVER THOSE MIGHT BE. OR ELSE...

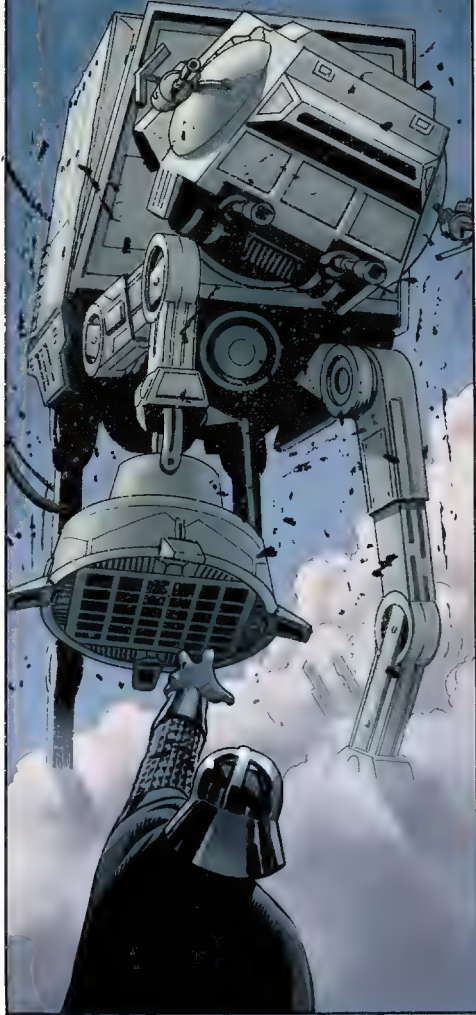












HE'S
USING THE
FORCE!

THAT'S NOT
POSSIBLE.

HE'S GOING
TO TEAR THIS
THING APART!

THAT'S NOT
POSSIBLE! THERE'S
NO SUCH THING
AS THE FORCE!



TELL
THAT TO
VADER.

GLADLY.

ARTOO!!

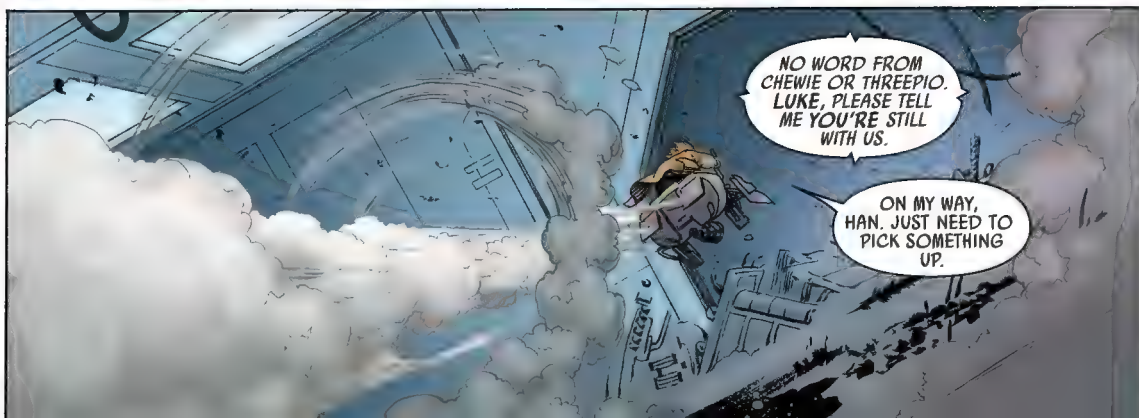
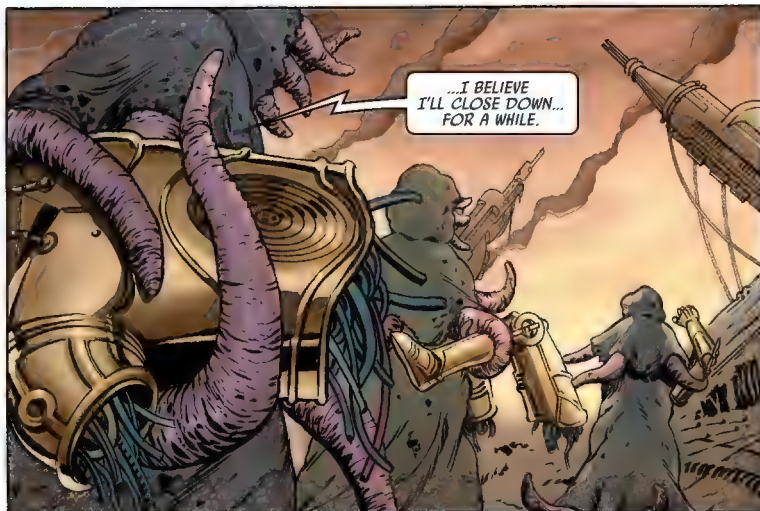
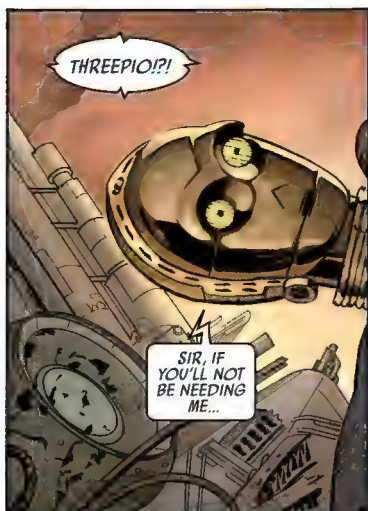
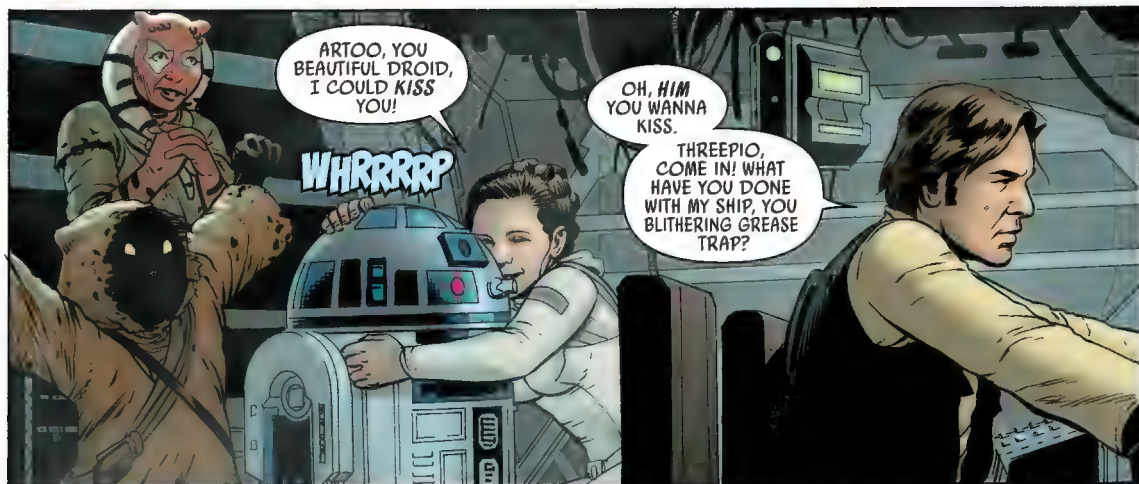
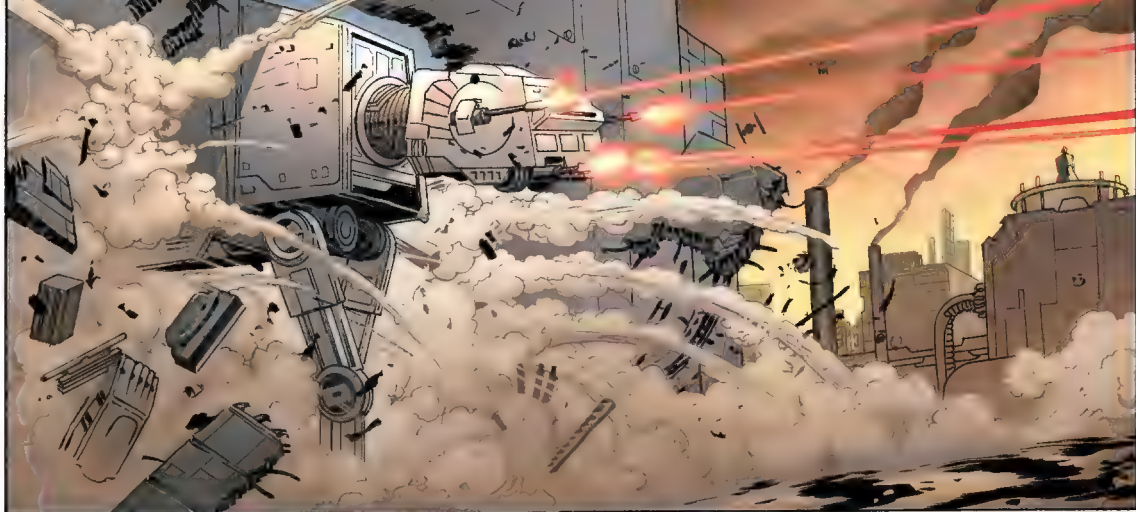


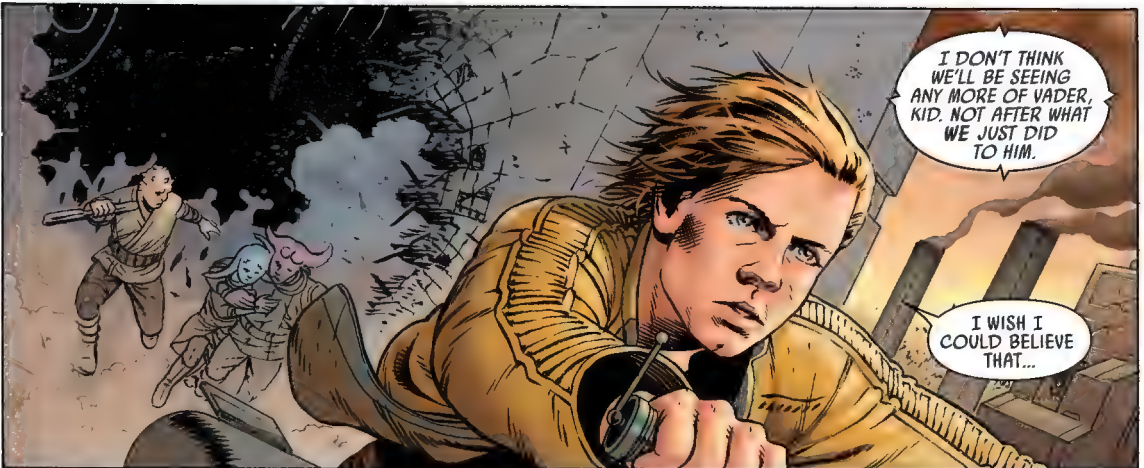
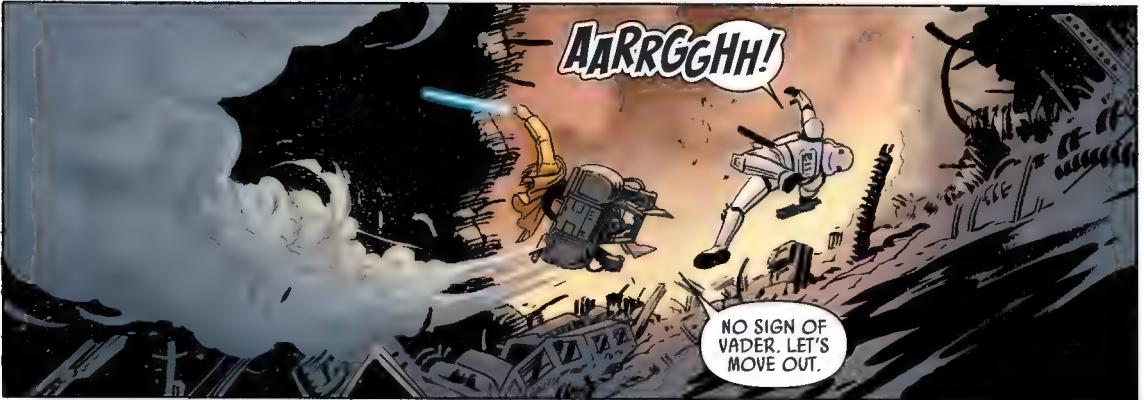
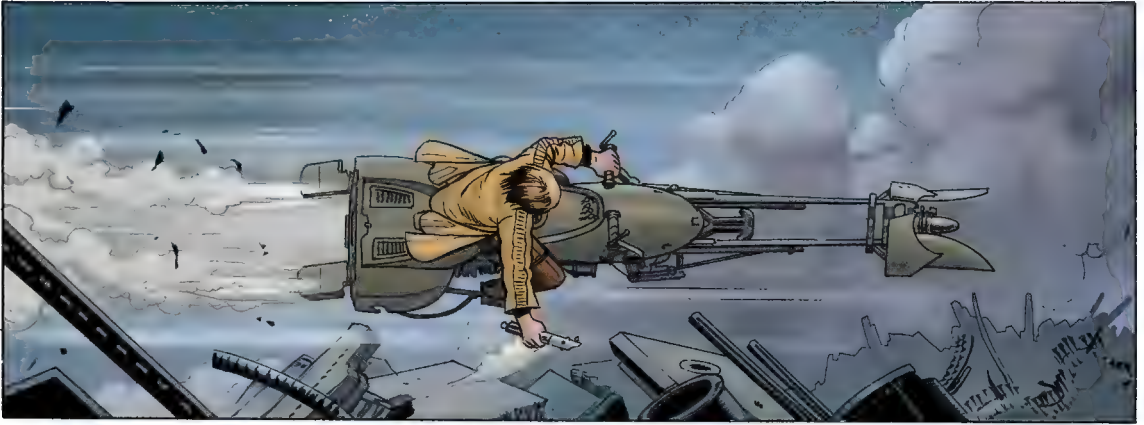
ARTOO!
WE NEED THOSE
GUNS!

WHAT?
WHAT'D HE
SAY?

**BEEDA BEEDA
RREEEEEEEP**







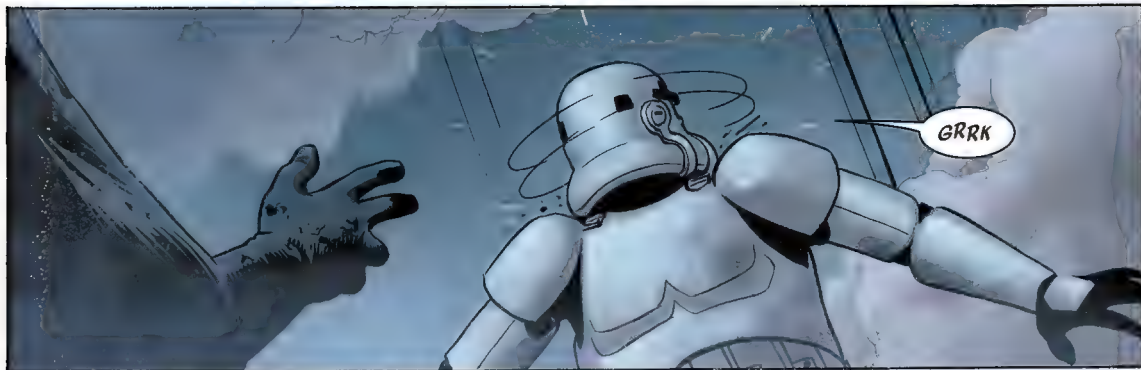


LORD
VADER, WE
HAVE...

HGGGK
=WHEEZE=

MOTHER OF
MOONS.

I'M... I'M
SORRY, MY
LORD. I DIDN'T
REALIZE...



GRRK



LORD VADER,
THIS IS OVERSEER
AGGADEEN.

SIR, I'M AFRAID
WE ARE... UNABLE
TO HALT THE POWER
CORE'S MELTDOWN.
REQUEST PERMISSION
TO EVACUATE THE
FACILITY.



PERMISSION
DENIED, OVERSEER.
IF THIS FACTORY
EXPLODES, YOU HAD
BEST EXPLODE
WITH IT.

FURTHER FAILURE
WILL BE DEALT WITH
HARSHLY. THE REBEL
INVADERS MUST
DIE.

Y-YES, MY
LORD.



EXCEPT
THE BOY.

LEAVE HIM
TO ME.

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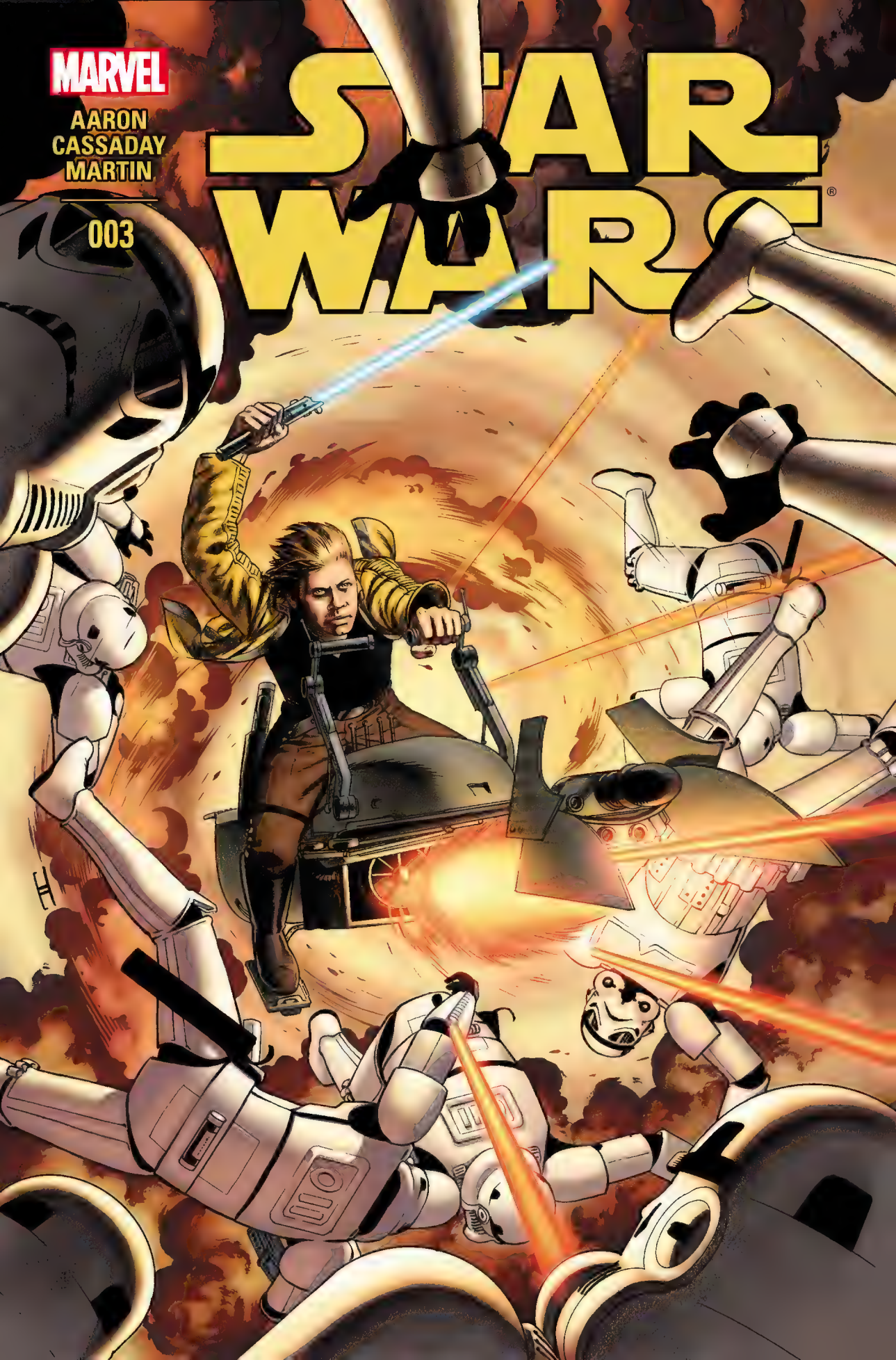


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Now the rebels must fight their way to freedom, using the Empire's own vehicles as their means of escape. And Luke Skywalker must remain one step ahead of the unstoppable Lord Vader, who is beginning to take an interest in the young rebel pilot....

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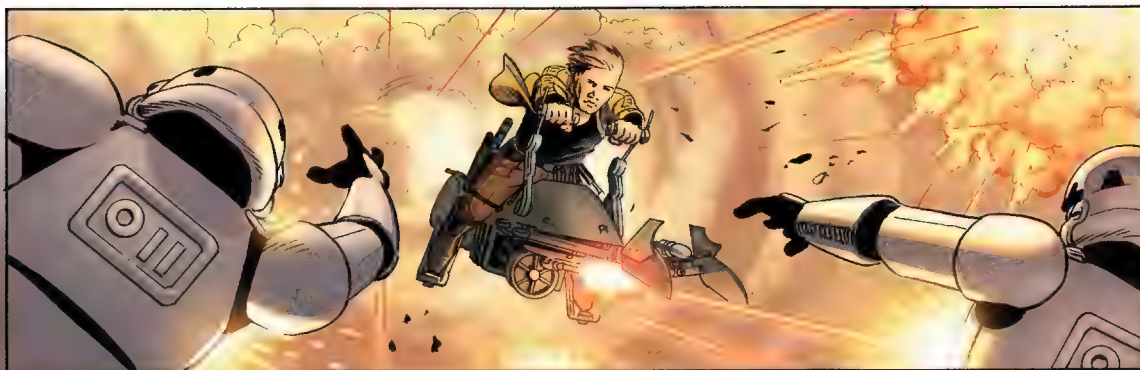
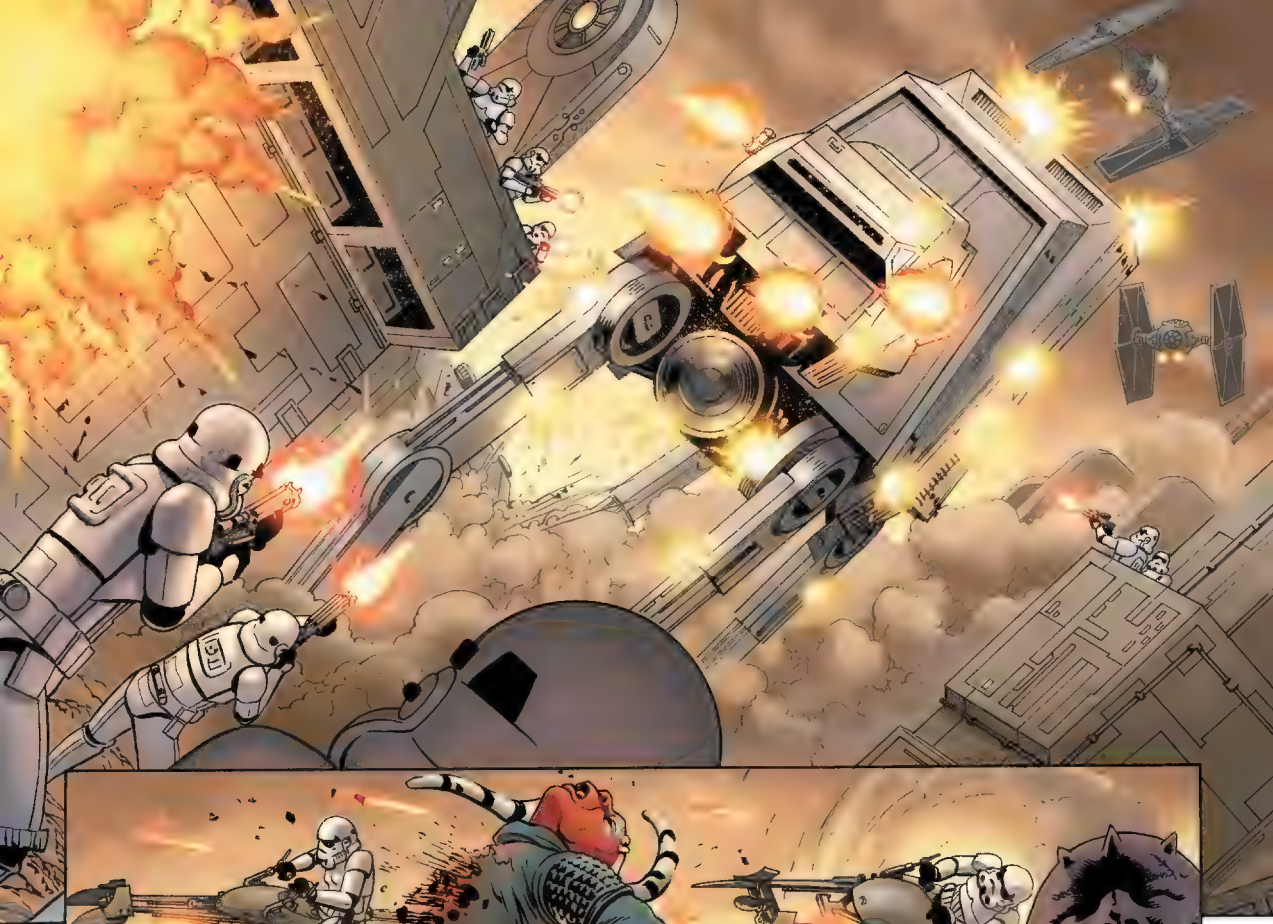
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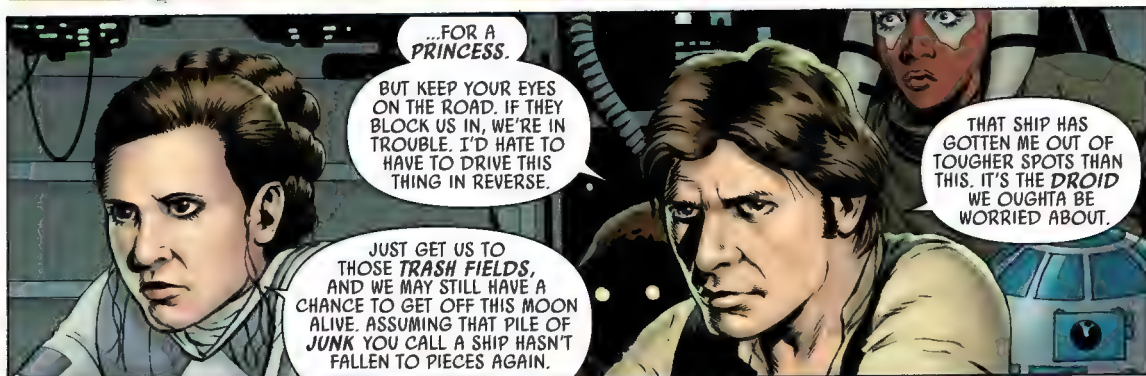


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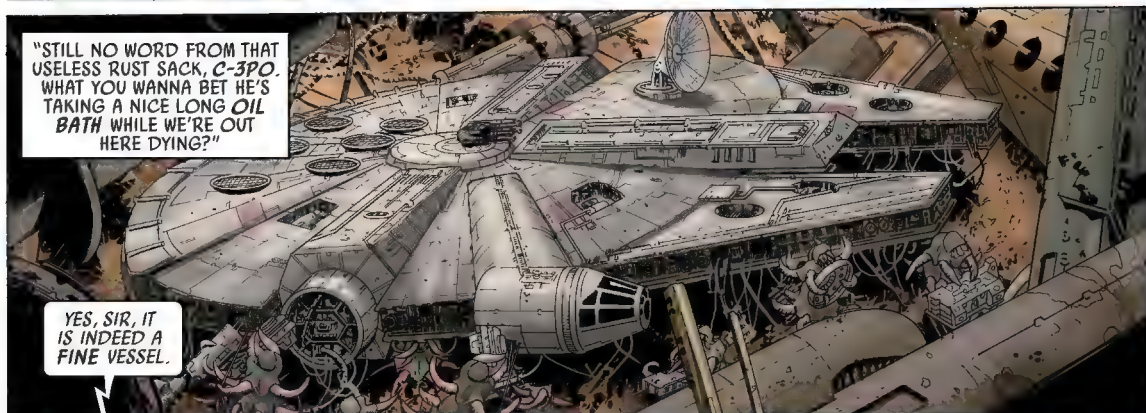


...FOR A PRINCESS.

BUT KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD. IF THEY BLOCK US IN, WE'RE IN TROUBLE. I'D HATE TO HAVE TO DRIVE THIS THING IN REVERSE.

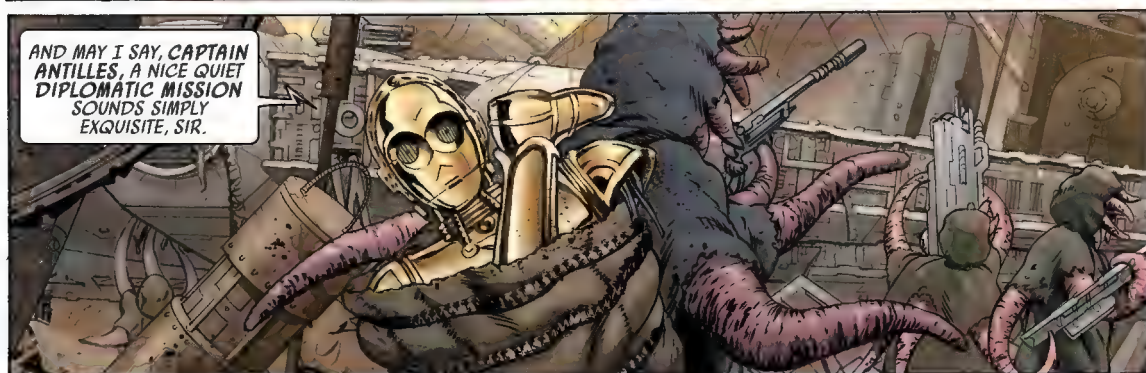
THAT SHIP HAS GOTTEN ME OUT OF TOUGHER SPOTS THAN THIS. IT'S THE DROID WE OUGHTA BE WORRIED ABOUT.

JUST GET US TO THOSE TRASH FIELDS, AND WE MAY STILL HAVE A CHANCE TO GET OFF THIS MOON ALIVE. ASSUMING THAT PILE OF JUNK YOU CALL A SHIP HASN'T FALLEN TO PIECES AGAIN.



"STILL NO WORD FROM THAT USELESS RUST SACK, C-3PO. WHAT YOU WANNA BET HE'S TAKING A NICE LONG OIL BATH WHILE WE'RE OUT HERE DYING?"

YES, SIR, IT IS INDEED A FINE VESSEL.

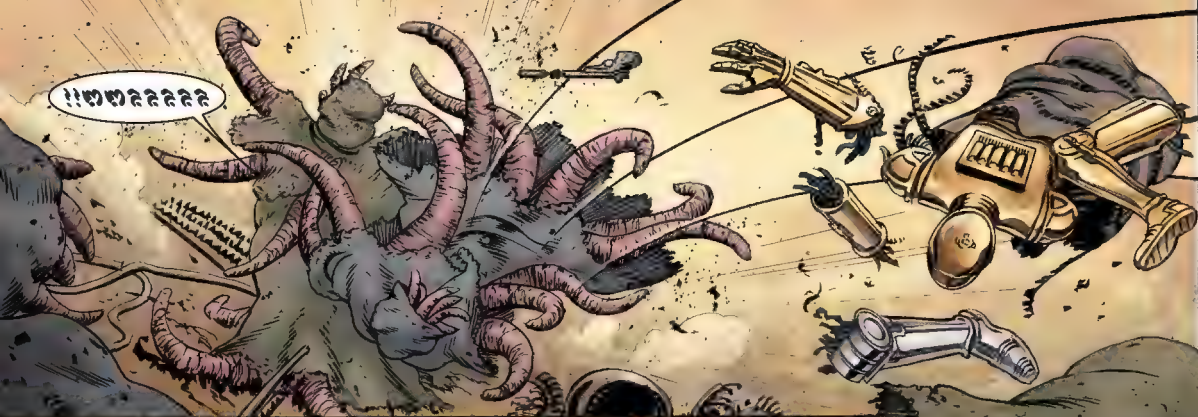


AND MAY I SAY, CAPTAIN ANTILLES, A NICE QUIET DIPLOMATIC MISSION SOUNDS SIMPLY EXQUISITE, SIR.



IF YOU ASK ME, THE QUIETER AND MORE DIPLOMATIC, THE BETTER.

???





SCOUT WALKERS.
ASSAULT TANKS. COMBAT
SPEEDERS. YOU THINK THEY
GOT ANOTHER DEATH
STAR BACK THERE
TOO?

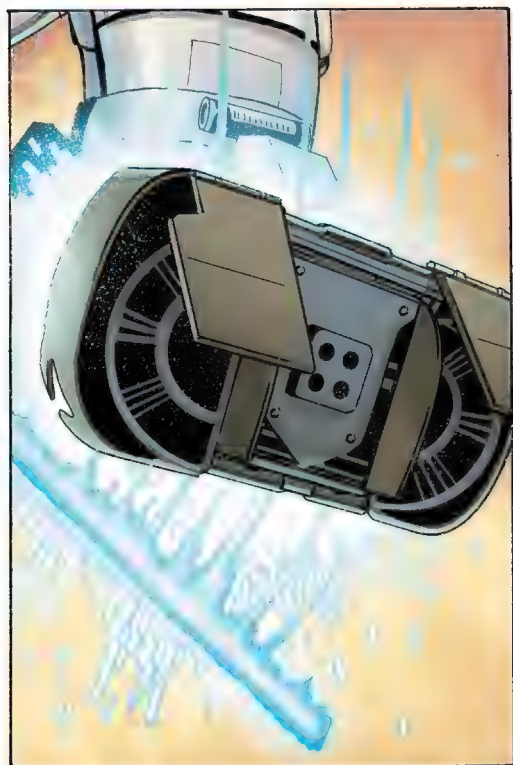
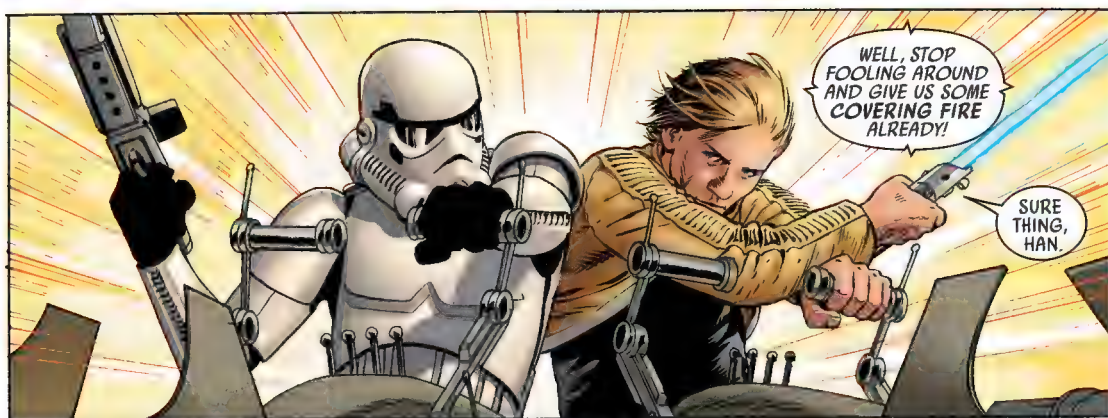
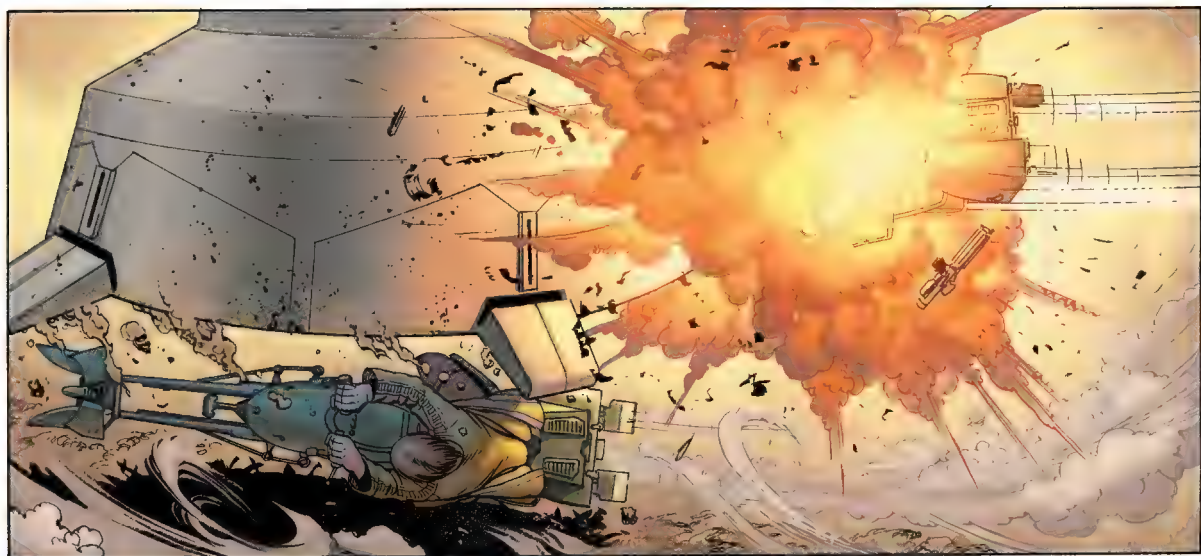
REMIC ME
NEVER TO ATTACK
ANOTHER WEAPONS
FACTORY.

LUKE!



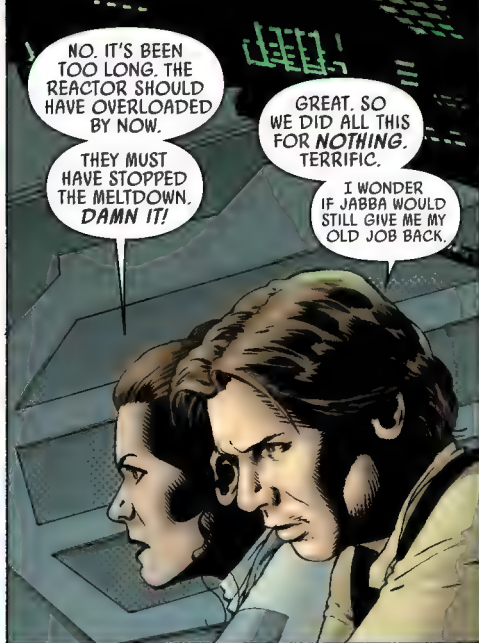
LUKE, WE'RE
TAKING HEAVY FIRE
HERE, KID! AT THIS
RATE, WE'RE NEVER
GONNA MAKE IT.
WHERE ARE
YOU?

OH, NOT
TOO FAR
AWAY.





AND DON'T GET TOO CLOSE TO THAT FACTORY, LUKE. THAT WHOLE THING'S GONNA EXPLODE ANY SECOND NOW.



NO. IT'S BEEN TOO LONG. THE REACTOR SHOULD HAVE OVERLOADED BY NOW.

THEY MUST HAVE STOPPED THE MELTDOWN. DAMN IT!

GREAT. SO WE DID ALL THIS FOR NOTHING. TERRIFIC.

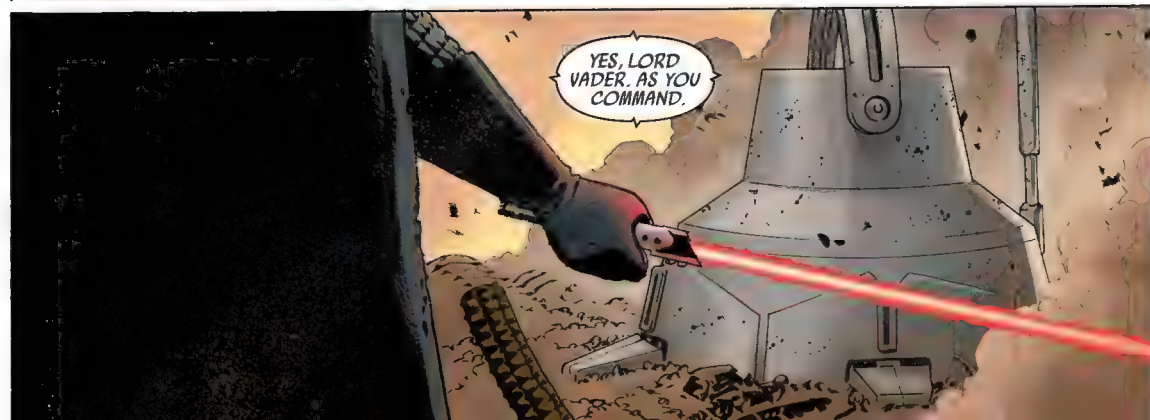
I WONDER IF JABBA WOULD STILL GIVE ME MY OLD JOB BACK.



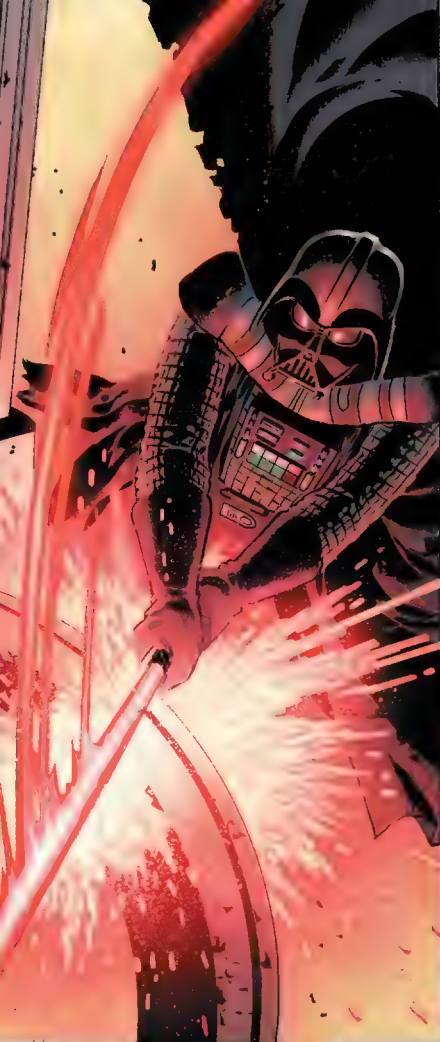
LORD VADER, THIS IS **OVERSEER AGGADEEN**. I'M HAPPY TO REPORT, SIR, THAT WE'VE MANAGED TO HALT THE REACTOR'S MELTDOWN. THE FACTORY IS SAFE.

THEN PERHAPS YOU MIGHT YET LIVE TO SEE TOMORROW, OVERSEER.

SEND MORE TROOPS TO MY LOCATION. SEND EVERYONE WHO CAN HOLD A BLASTER. THE REBELS MUST NOT ESCAPE.



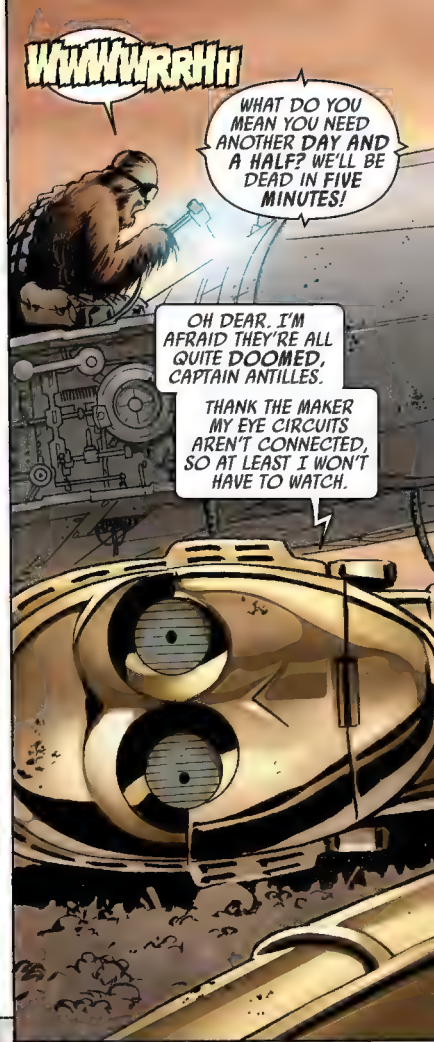
YES, LORD VADER, AS YOU COMMAND.



WHOA.
WHAT WAS
THAT?

WE JUST
LOST ONE
OF THE RIGHT
REAR ANKLE
COUPLINGS.

CHEWIE!
TELL ME
YOU'RE IN
THE AIR.



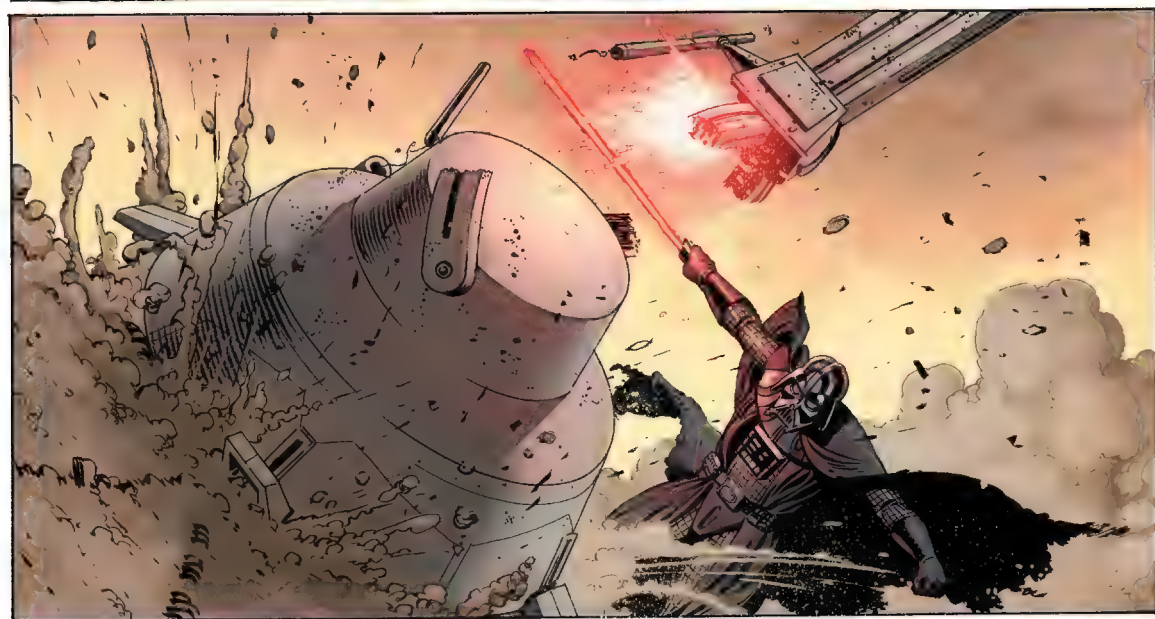
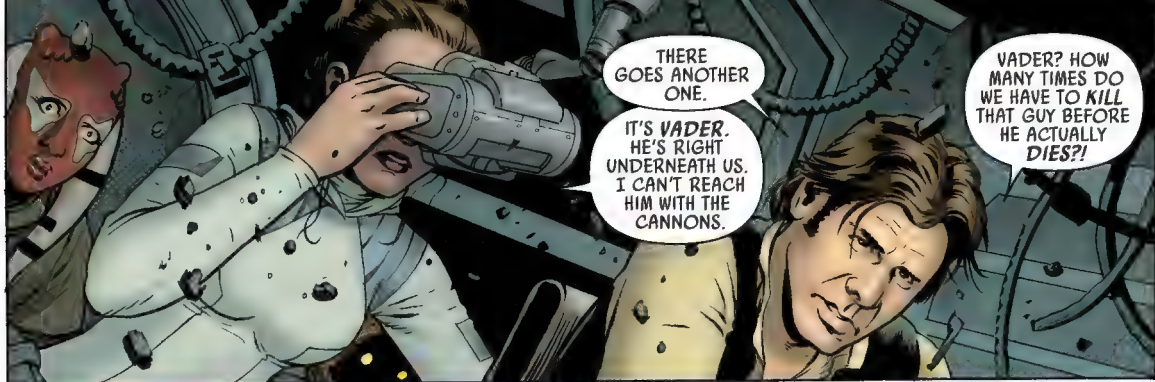
WWWWRRHH

WHAT DO YOU
MEAN YOU NEED
ANOTHER DAY AND
A HALF? WE'LL BE
DEAD IN FIVE
MINUTES!

OH DEAR, I'M
AFRAID THEY'RE ALL
QUITE DOOMED,
CAPTAIN ANTILLES.

THANK THE MAKER
MY EYE CIRCUITS
AREN'T CONNECTED,
SO AT LEAST I WON'T
HAVE TO WATCH.

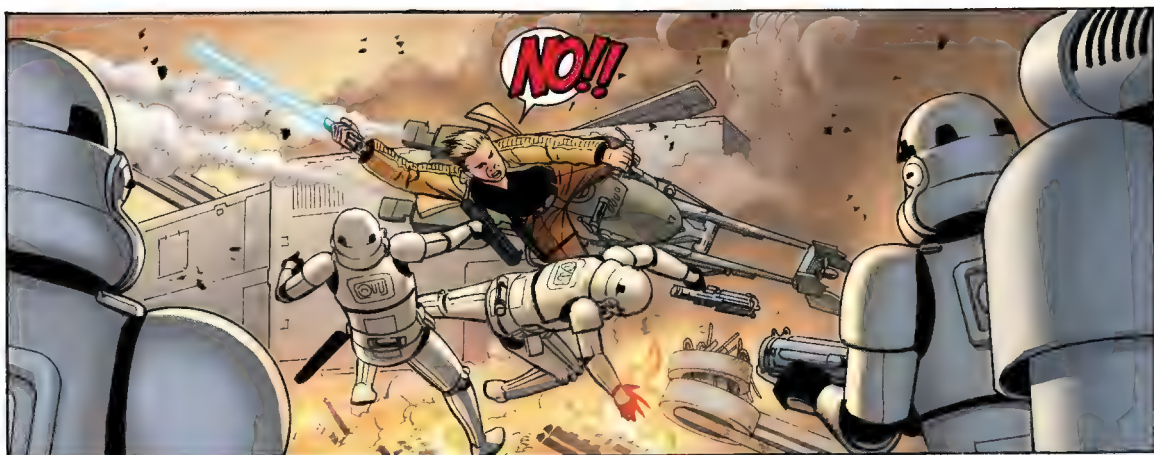


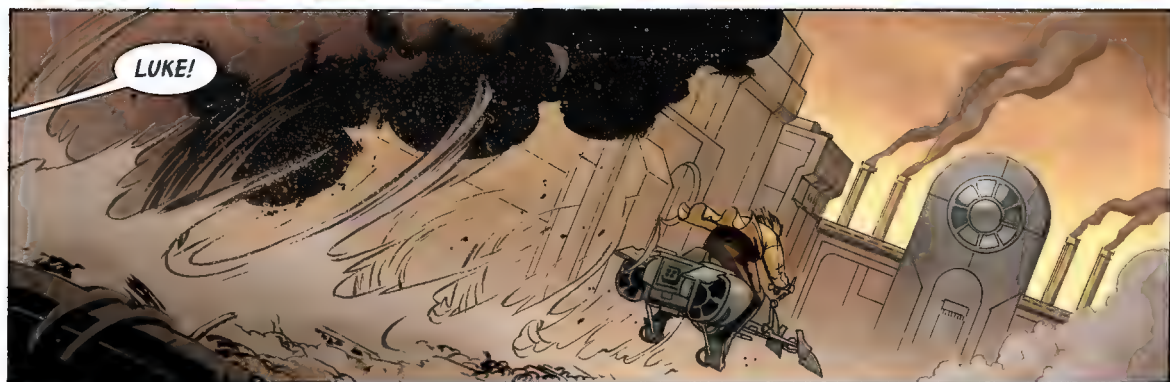


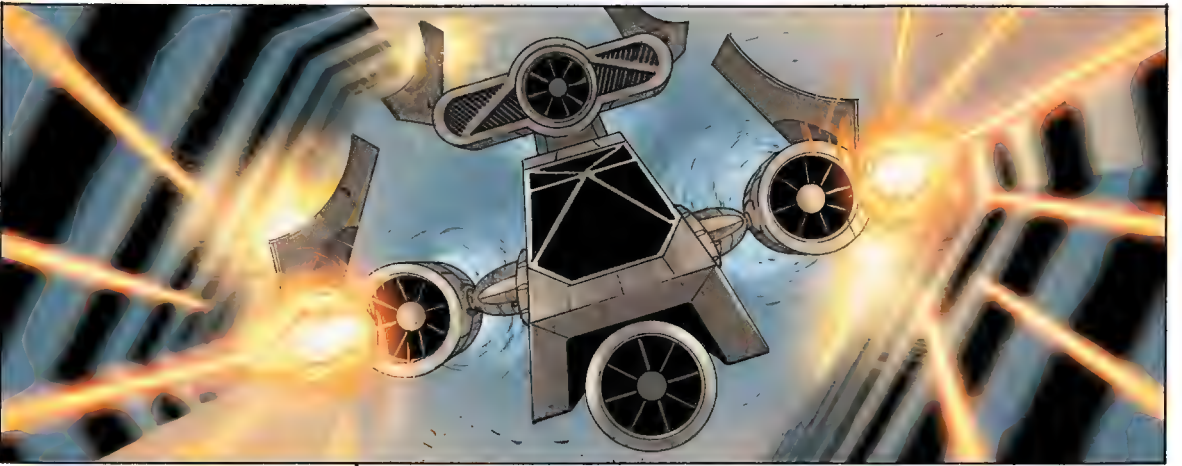
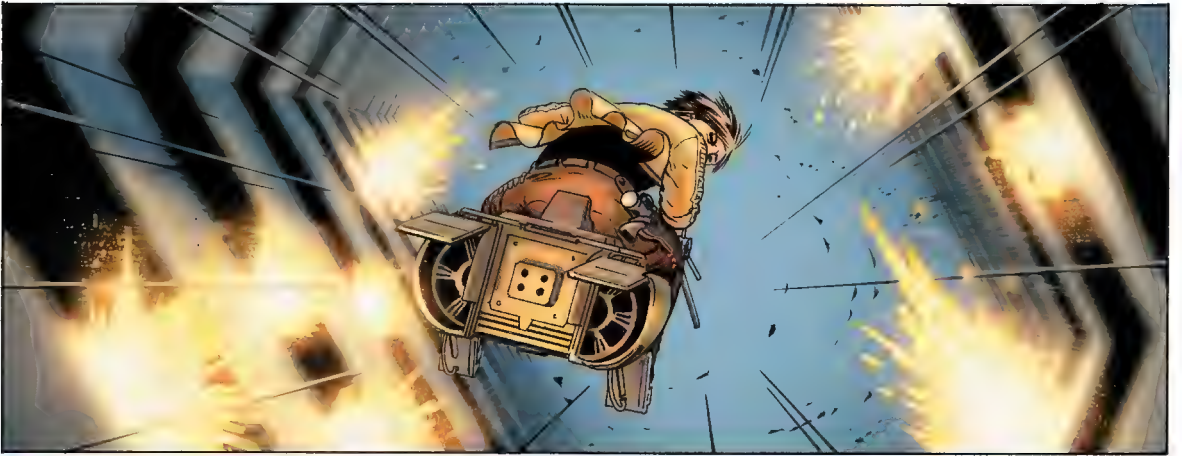
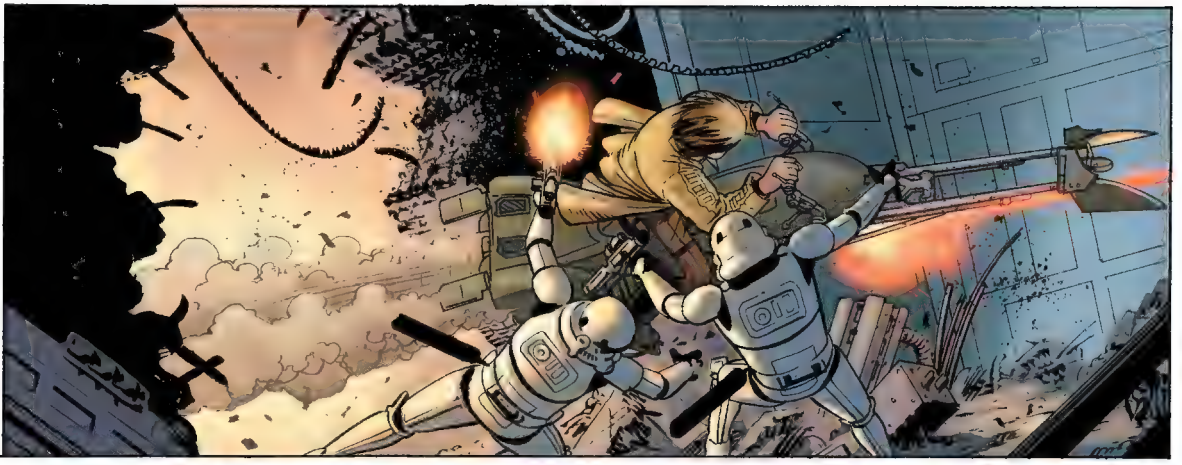


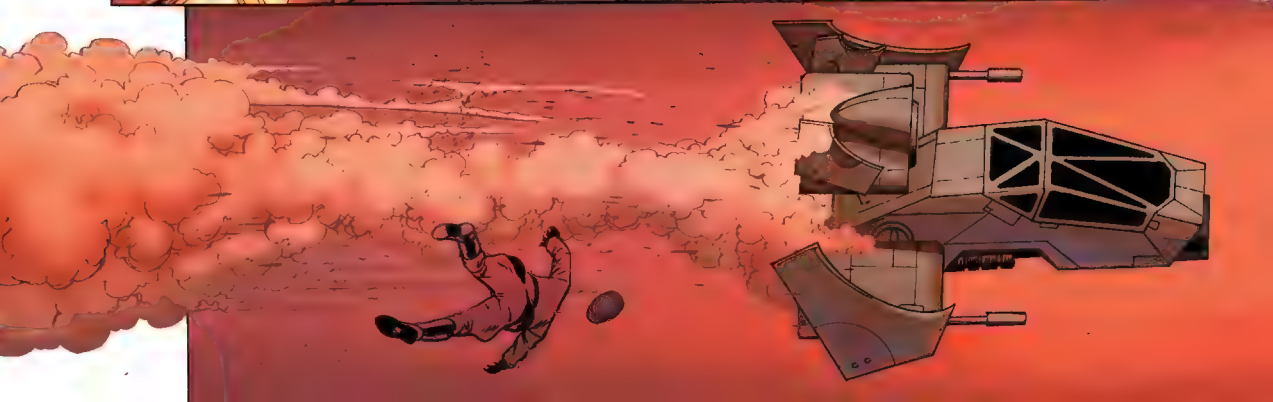
THE
WALKER HAS
FALLEN.

MOVE
IN FOR THE
KILL.



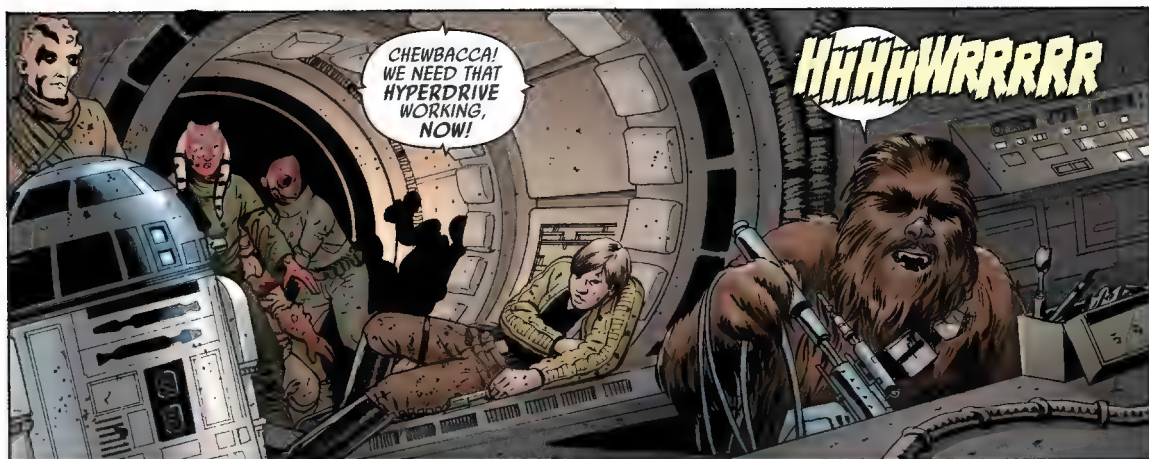














MAYBE THIS SHIP ISN'T SO BAD AFTER ALL. YOU'LL NEVER REMEMBER I SAID THAT, WILL YOU?

HUUGGGGH.

IS IT WRONG THAT I LIKE YOU BETTER THIS WAY?



LORD VADER... THIS IS CAPTAIN KRONN OF THE STAR DESTROYER ADJUDICATOR.

SIR, I REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT... THAT THE REBEL SHIP HAS ELUDED THE BLOCKADE. IT APPEARS THAT THEY--

HGGGHK...GGGHKK...
ARRRRRGGGHHHKKK...



THE BOY.

THE BOY IS YOUR LAST GREAT **HOPE**, ISN'T HE, OBI-WAN? HE IS WHAT YOU DIED TO PROTECT.

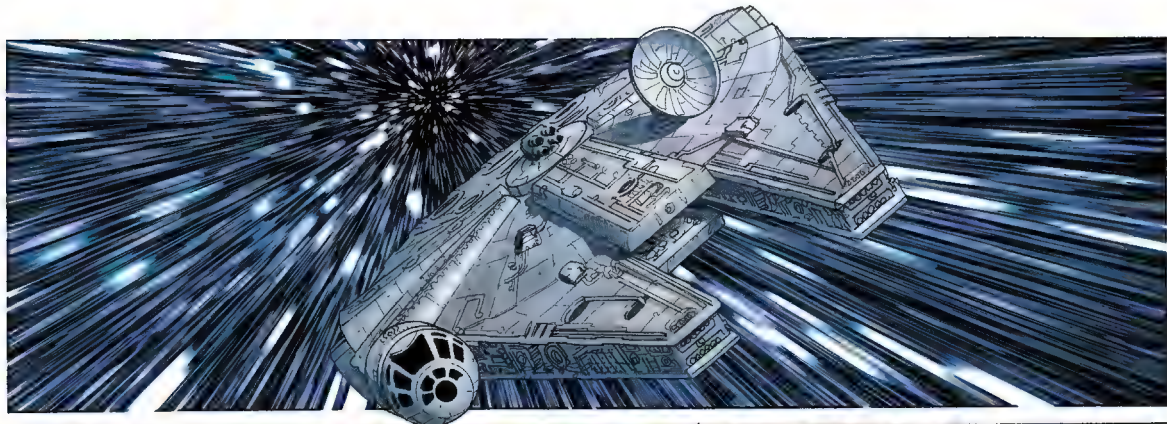
HE MAY BE STRONG IN THE FORCE, BUT HE IS **UNTRAINED**. AND WHO IS THERE LEFT TO TRAIN HIM NOW?

NO ONE BUT **ME**.

WHEN I FIND HIM...AND I **WILL** FIND HIM...HE WILL BE **MY** WEAPON, NOT YOURS.

THE DARK SIDE ALWAYS WINS, OBI-WAN. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT BY NOW.





IF I MAY SPEAK FRANKLY, CAPTAIN ANTILLES, THAT WAS THE STRANGEST DIPLOMATIC MISSION I'VE EVER EXPERIENCED.

BREEP
BRIP BRIP
BOOP



LUKE, YOU
OKAY?

WHAT YOU
DID WAS CRAZY AND
INSUBORDINATE.

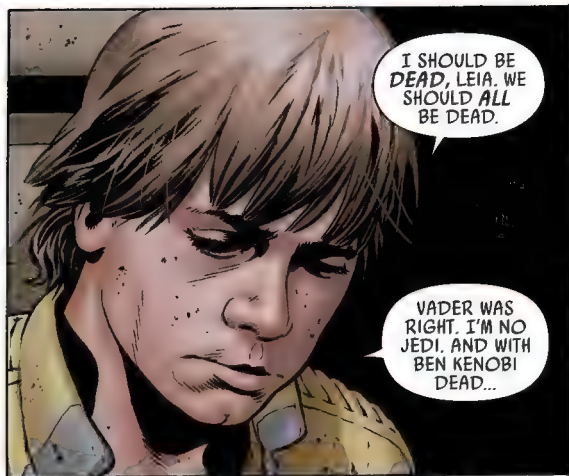
BUT THERE ARE
A LOT OF PEOPLE
HERE WHO WANT
TO **THANK** YOU.
INCLUDING
ME.



I CAN'T BELIEVE
YOU DID IT AGAIN.
JUST LIKE THE
BATTLE OF YAVIN
AND THE DEATH
STAR.

THERE'S
SOMETHING ABOUT
YOU, LUKE. SOMETHING
I FEEL IN MY BONES.
YOU'RE GOING TO
BE THE BRAVEST
JEDI EVER. I JUST
KNOW IT.

LUKE?



I SHOULD BE
DEAD, LEIA. WE
SHOULD **ALL**
BE **DEAD**.

VADER WAS
RIGHT. I'M NO
JEDI. AND WITH
BEN KENOBI
DEAD...

"I NEVER
WILL BE."

THE *DUNE SEA*.
THIS IS A LONG
WAY TO COME
JUST TO DUMP
A BODY.

WHY DIDN'T WE
JUST DROP HIM IN
THE MIDDLE OF *MOS
EISLEY*? IT'S ANOTHER
DEAD RODIAN. WE
GET THOSE EVERY
DAY.

BECAUSE DUMPING HIM IN
MOS EISLEY MEANS ANSWERING
IMPERIAL QUESTIONS. AND
PAYING JABBA'S MURDER
TAX.

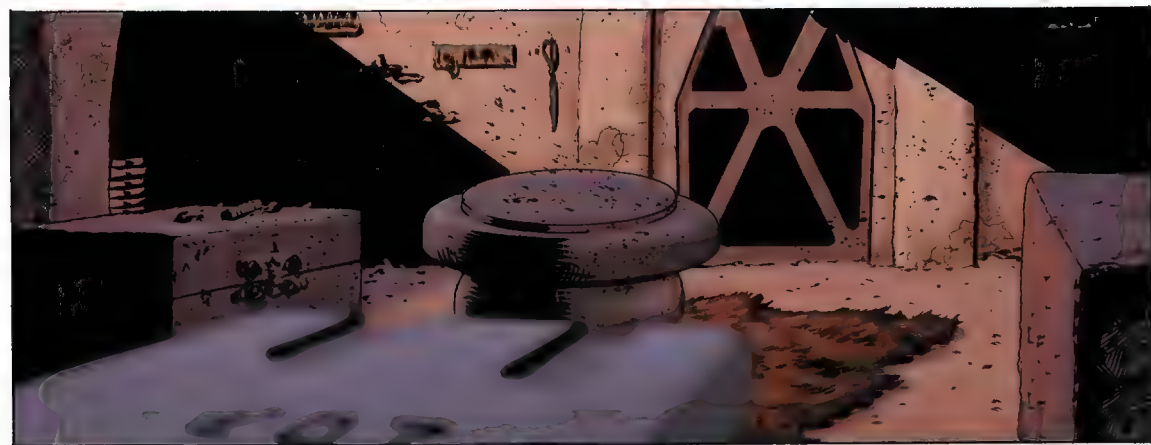
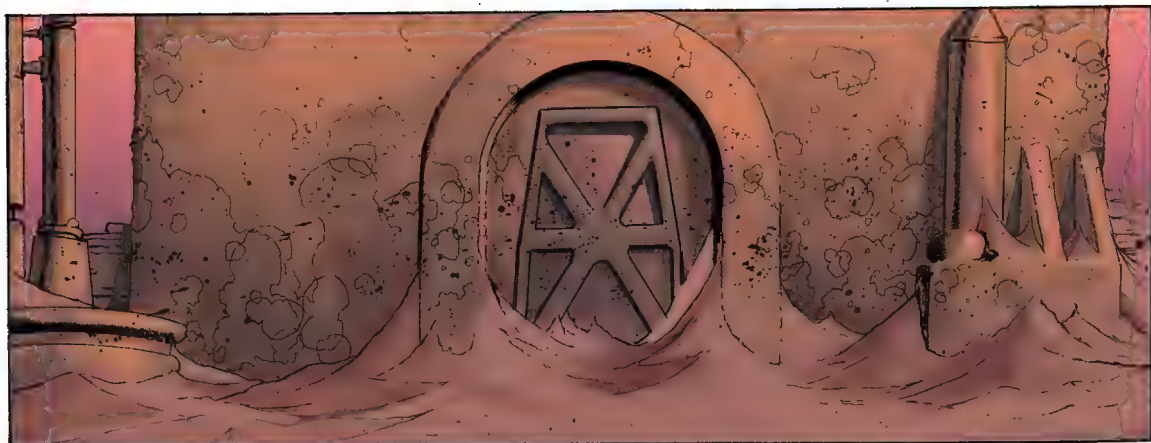
WHILE *OUT HERE*, ON
THE OTHER HAND...*OUT
HERE* THERE AIN'T NOBODY
TO EVEN NOTICE.

NOBODY, HUH? THEN
WHO LIVES *THERE*,
GENIUS?

AH, SOME
CRAZY OLD
WIZARD. *KENOBI*,
I THINK HE'S
CALLED.

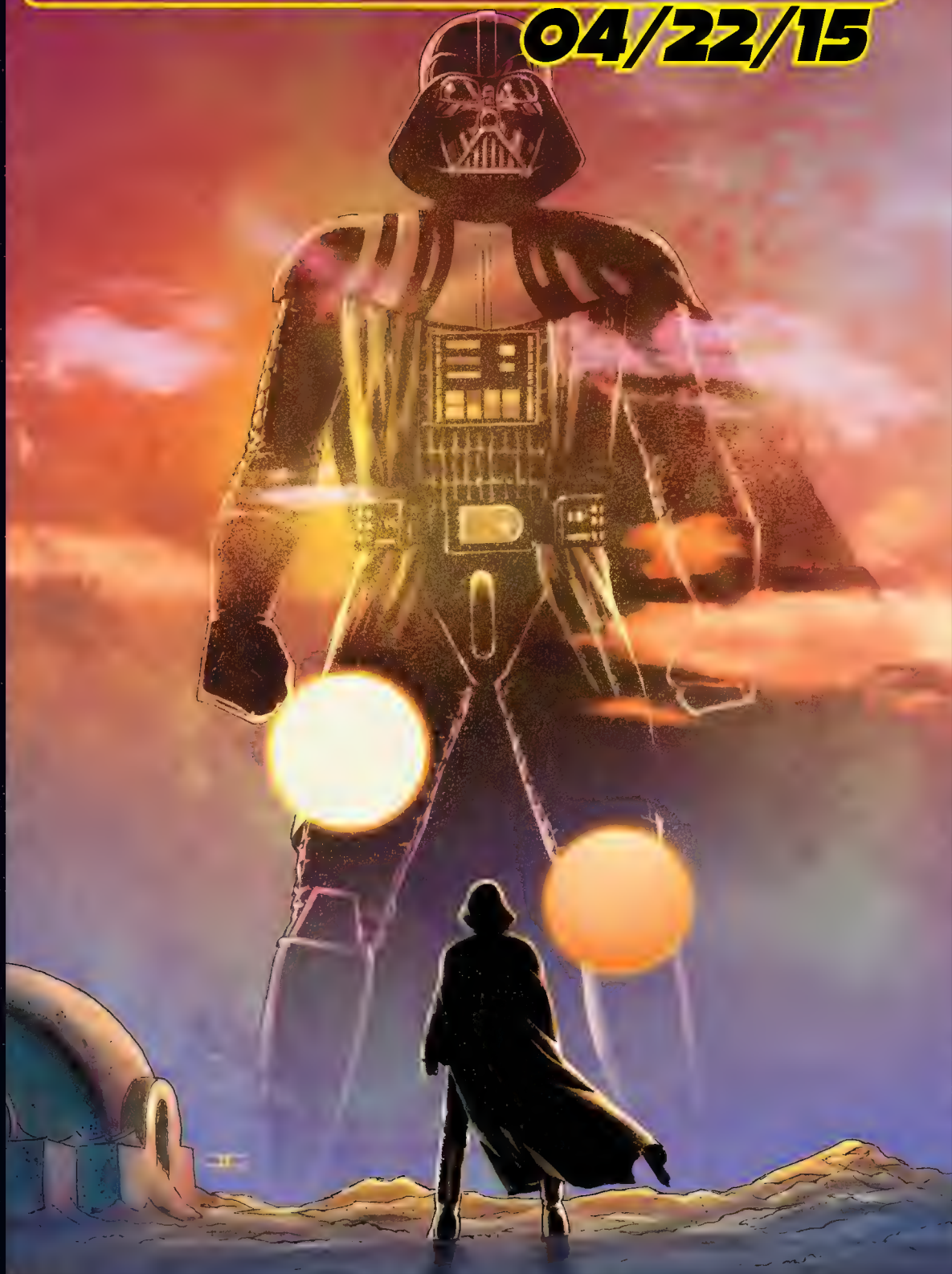
DON'T WORRY
ABOUT HIM. HE
KEEPS TO
HIMSELF.

JUST KEEP
AN EYE OUT
FOR *SAND
PEOPLE*.



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Princess Leia Organa and her team of rebels have just completed a daring mission where they managed to infiltrate and destroy the largest Imperial weapons factory in the galaxy. Their success was owed in large part to the valiant efforts of young Luke Skywalker, who at one point during the battle stood face to face with the unstoppable Darth Vader himself.

But Luke finds little cause for celebration in the victory. He has now seen the full power of the Force in action and knows he has a very long way to go if he ever hopes to become a true Jedi...

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"THE ILLUSTRIOUS JABBA
BIDS YOU WELCOME TO
THE HUMBLE SANDS OF
TATOOINE."



AND HE
HOPES THAT THESE
NEGOTIATIONS PROVE
BENEFICIAL FOR
ALL--

YOU MAY
DISPENSE WITH THE
PLEASANTRIES.



WE WILL
BEGIN THE
NEGOTIATIONS
NOW.

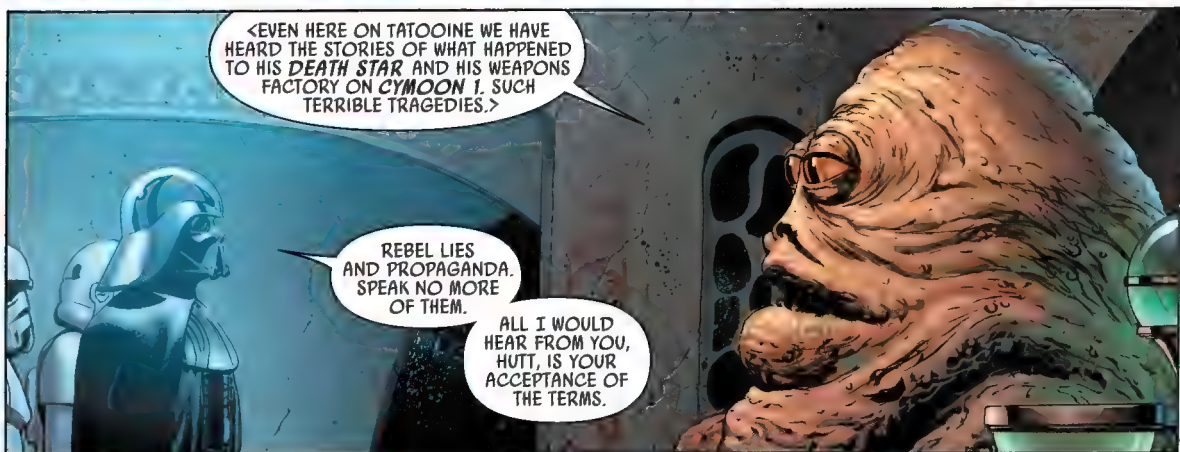
GIVE THE
EMPEROR WHAT
HE WANTS AND HE
WILL ALLOW YOU
TO LIVE.



THIS
CONCLUDES THE
NEGOTIATIONS.

HO
HO HO
HO!

<I SEE WHY
THE EMPEROR SENT
YOU TO ME, LORD
VADER. YOU ARE A
MAN WHO KNOWS
HOW TO STRIKE A
BARGAIN.>

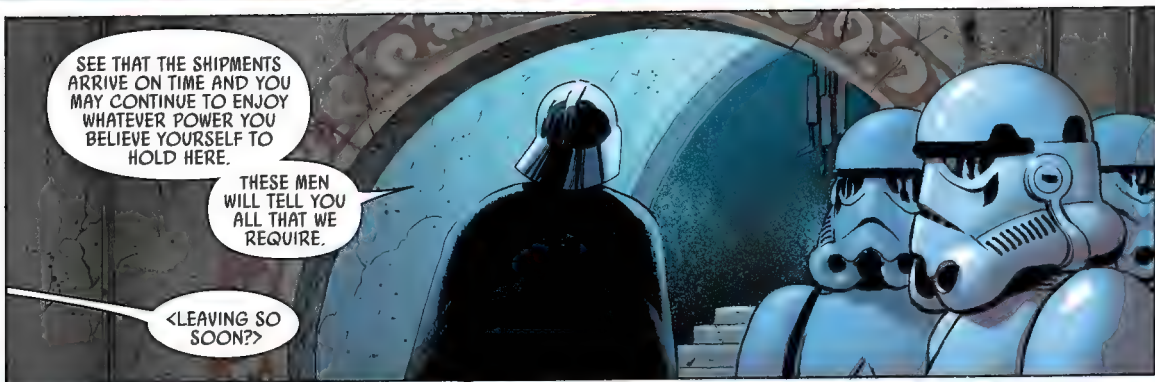




<DESPITE ALL THE EMPIRE'S SPLENDID NEW GARRISONS HERE, THE OUTER RIM IS STILL A WILD PLACE, LORD VADER. AND CORUSCANT IS SO VERY FAR AWAY.>

<IT WOULD BE A SHAME IF OUR SHIPMENTS WERE TO BE INTERCEPTED BY PIRATES OR EATEN BY GIANT SPACE SLUGS.>

YOU WILL FIND, JABBA, THAT THE EMPIRE IS PREPARED TO DEAL WITH PIRATES AND SPACE SLUGS, AS EASILY AS WE DEAL WITH OBSTINATE HUTTS.



SEE THAT THE SHIPMENTS ARRIVE ON TIME AND YOU MAY CONTINUE TO ENJOY WHATEVER POWER YOU BELIEVE YOURSELF TO HOLD HERE.

THESE MEN WILL TELL YOU ALL THAT WE REQUIRE.

<LEAVING SO SOON?>



<AFTER YOU TRAVELED SO FAR JUST TO SEE ME?>

<NONSENSE. A FEAST MUST BE PREPARED IN YOUR HONOR. AND ENTERTAINMENT AS WELL.>



<I DO NOT KNOW ABOUT YOU, MY DEAR LORD OF THE SITH, BUT JABBA THE HUTT PREFERS TO SEAL ALL HIS BUSINESS VENTURES...>



<...BY WATCHING SOMETHING DIE.>



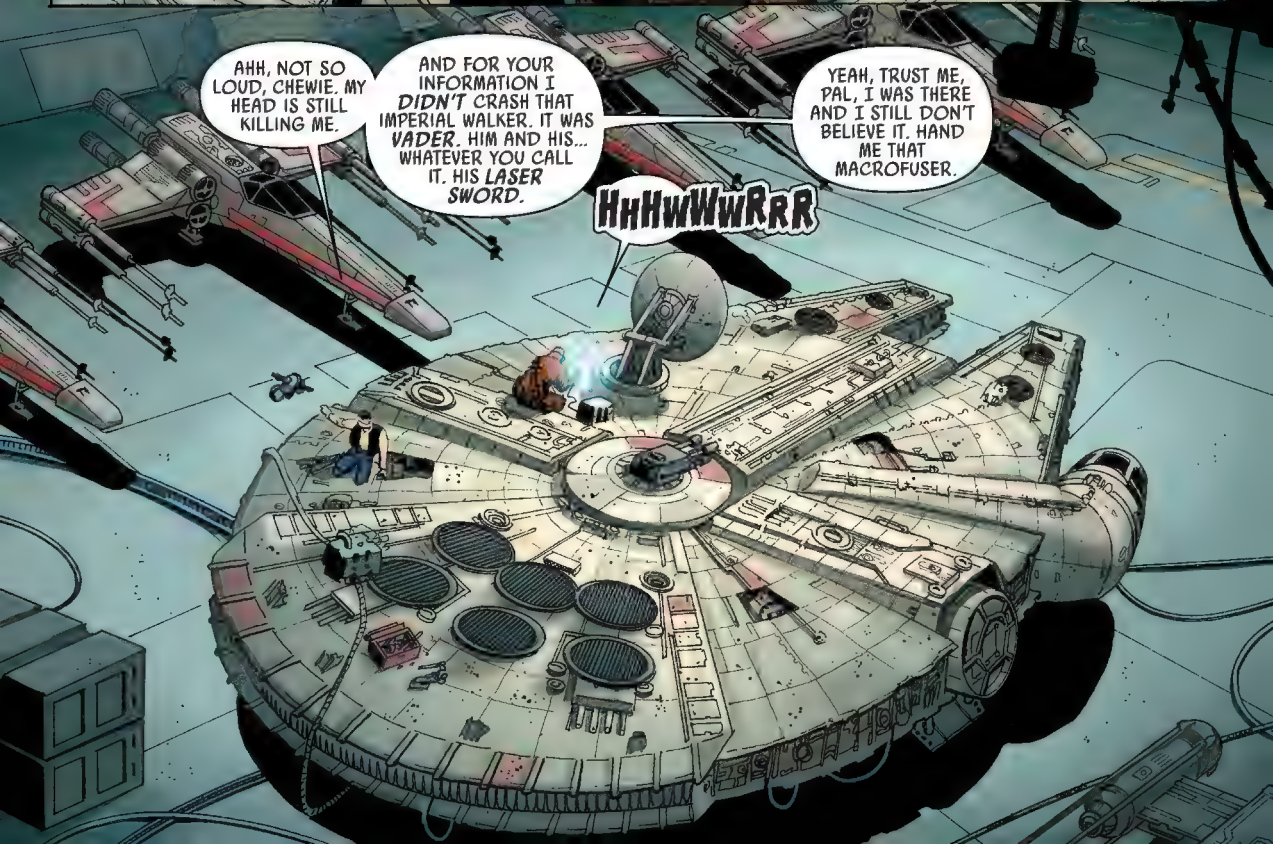
"IT'S A
MIRACLE."



IT'S A MIRACLE
THIS THING EVEN
FLEW.

WERE YOU
BLINDFOLDED WHEN
YOU PUT IT BACK
TOGETHER? I DON'T
EVEN KNOW WHAT
THIS IS.

WWRRRRRROOOHH



AHH, NOT SO
LOUD, CHEWIE. MY
HEAD IS STILL
KILLING ME.

AND FOR YOUR
INFORMATION I
DIDN'T CRASH THAT
IMPERIAL WALKER. IT WAS
VADER. HIM AND HIS...
WHATEVER YOU CALL
IT. HIS LASER
SWORD.

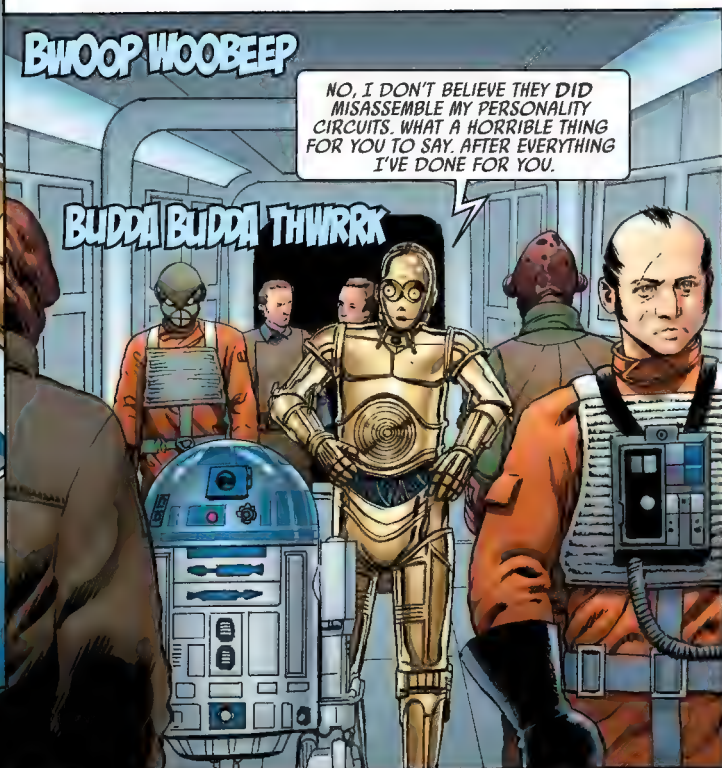
YEAH, TRUST ME,
PAL, I WAS THERE
AND I STILL DON'T
BELIEVE IT. HAND
ME THAT
MACROFUSER.

HHHWWWR



WUUURRUU
BREEEP

YES, I AM BACK TOGETHER.
NO THANKS TO YOU, YOU
COWARDLY TUB OF GREASE.



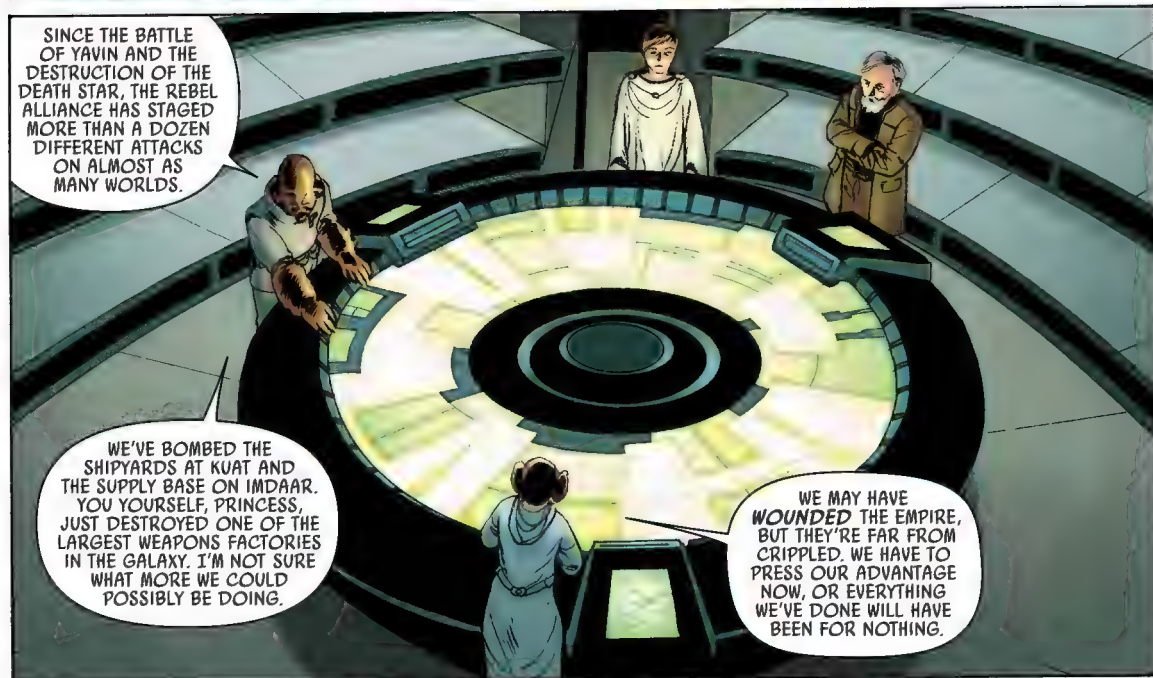
BWOOP WOOBEEP

BUDDA BUDDA THWRRK

NO, I DON'T BELIEVE THEY DID
MISASSEMBLE MY PERSONALITY
CIRCUITS. WHAT A HORRIBLE THING
FOR YOU TO SAY. AFTER EVERYTHING
I'VE DONE FOR YOU.



WE'RE
NOT DOING
ENOUGH.



SINCE THE BATTLE
OF YAVIN AND THE
DESTRUCTION OF THE
DEATH STAR, THE REBEL
ALLIANCE HAS STAGED
MORE THAN A DOZEN
DIFFERENT ATTACKS
ON ALMOST AS
MANY WORLDS.

WE'VE BOMBED THE
SHIPYARDS AT KUAT AND
THE SUPPLY BASE ON IMDAAR.
YOU YOURSELF, PRINCESS,
JUST DESTROYED ONE OF THE
LARGEST WEAPONS FACTORIES
IN THE GALAXY. I'M NOT SURE
WHAT MORE WE COULD
POSSIBLY BE DOING.

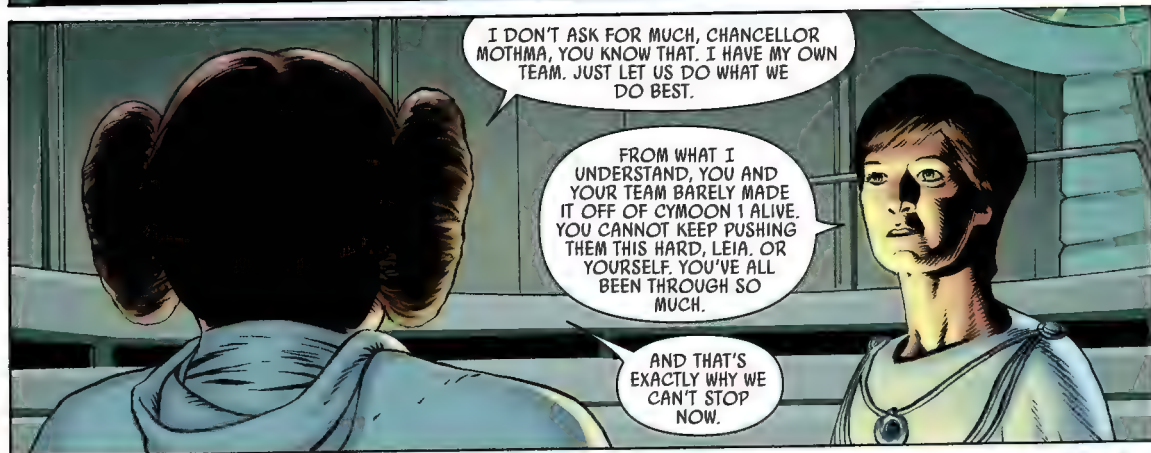
WE MAY HAVE
WOUNDED THE EMPIRE,
BUT THEY'RE FAR FROM
CRIPPLED. WE HAVE TO
PRESS OUR ADVANTAGE
NOW, OR EVERYTHING
WE'VE DONE WILL HAVE
BEEN FOR NOTHING.



THE EMPIRE IS ALREADY MAKING DEALS WITH OUTER RIM **GANGSTERS** TO MAINTAIN THEIR SUPPLY LINES. THEY WILL REPLACE EVERYTHING THEY'VE LOST IF WE GIVE THEM TIME.

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, PRINCESS ORGANA, WE SIMPLY CANNOT MAINTAIN THE SORT OF OFFENSIVE YOU'RE ASKING FOR. NOT WHEN WE'RE STILL ON THE RUN.

ADMIRAL ACKBAR IS RIGHT. THE BULK OF OUR RESOURCES MUST GO TOWARD KEEPING THIS FLEET IN CONSTANT MOTION. BEFORE WE CAN CHANGE THAT, WE NEED TO FIND A PLACE TO LAND. A WORLD WHERE WE CAN ESTABLISH A NEW BASE OF OPERATIONS.



I DON'T ASK FOR MUCH, CHANCELLOR MOTHMA, YOU KNOW THAT. I HAVE MY OWN TEAM. JUST LET US DO WHAT WE DO BEST.

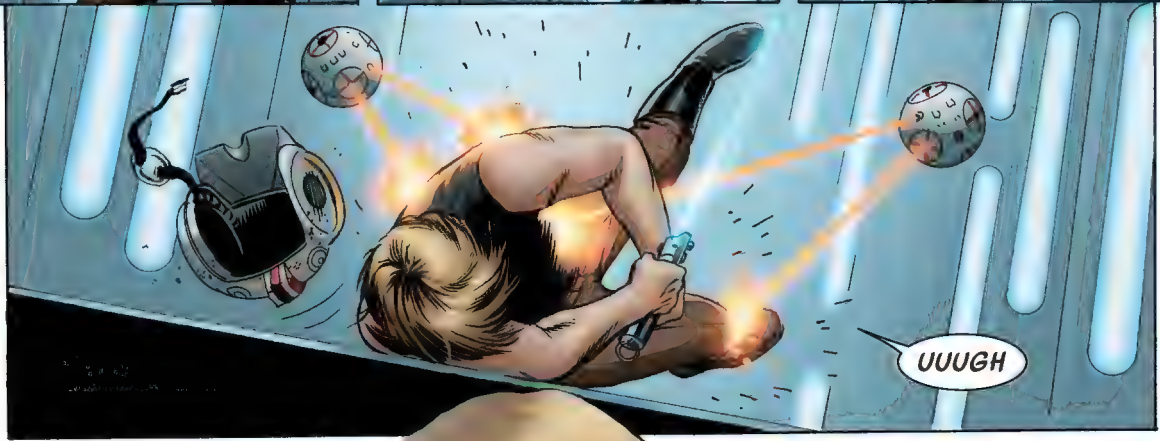
FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND, YOU AND YOUR TEAM BARELY MADE IT OFF OF CYMOON 1 ALIVE. YOU CANNOT KEEP PUSHING THEM THIS HARD, LEIA. OR YOURSELF. YOU'VE ALL BEEN THROUGH SO MUCH.

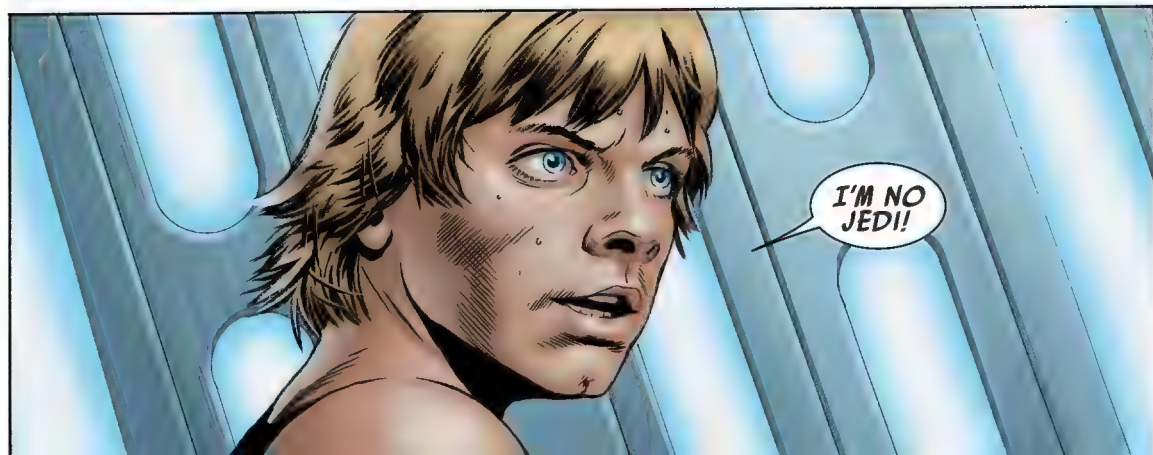
AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHY WE CAN'T STOP NOW.

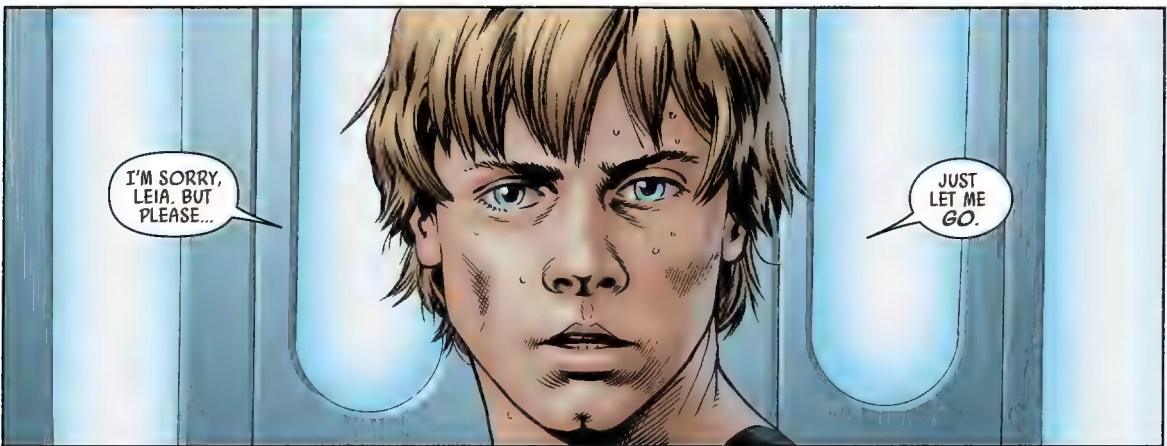
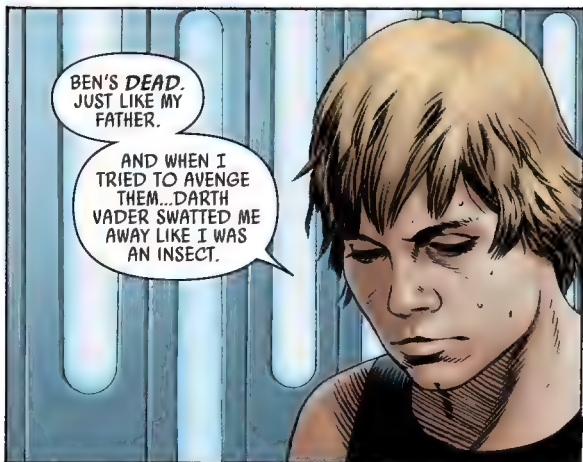


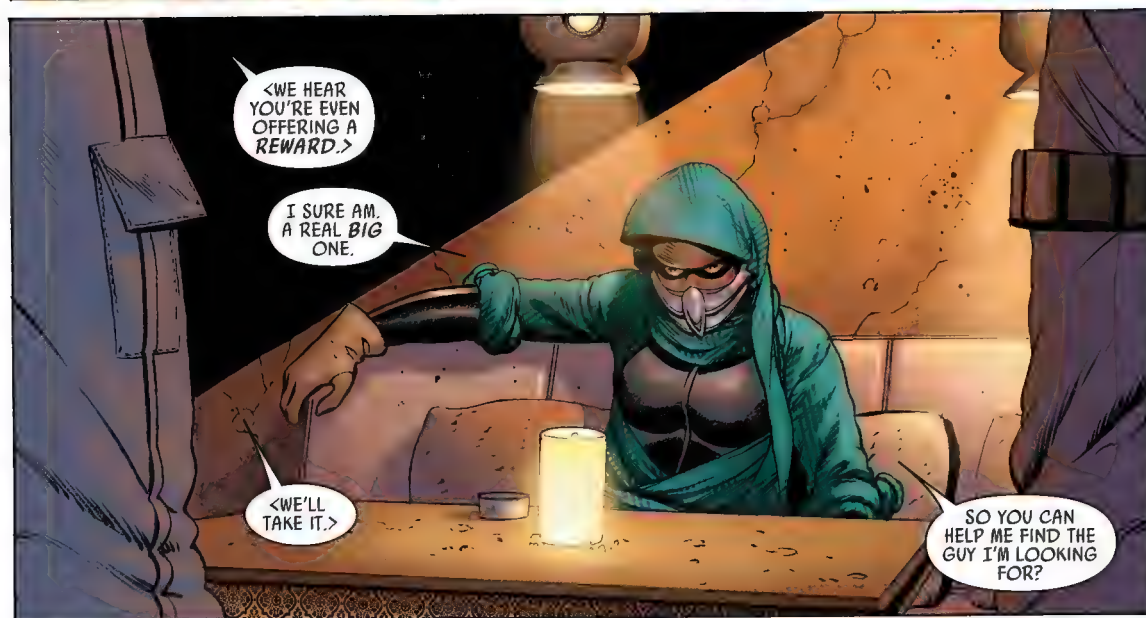
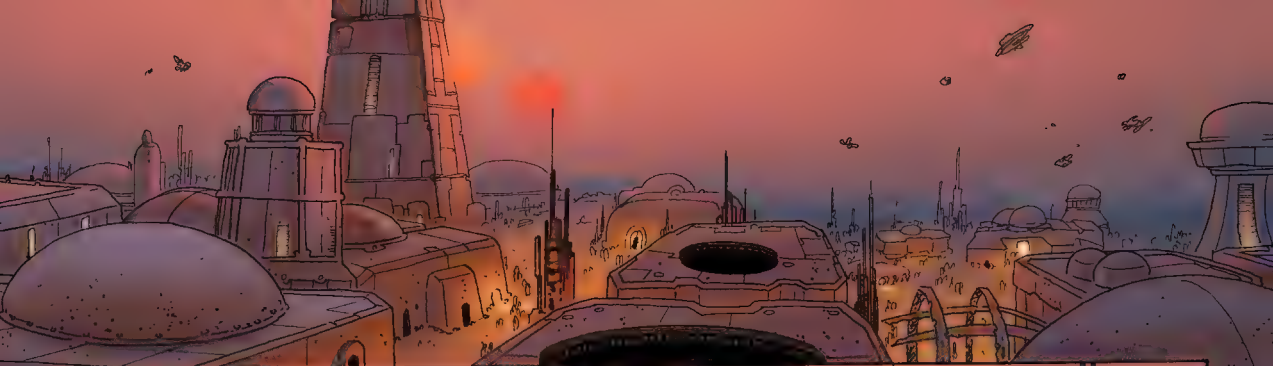
AND WHEN YOU SAY THAT, PRINCESS... ARE YOU CERTAIN YOU SPEAK FOR **ALL** OF YOUR TEAM?













WELL
IN THAT
CASE... KNEES.

<WHAT?
WHAT DID
YOU-->



AAAAAGCHHH!!

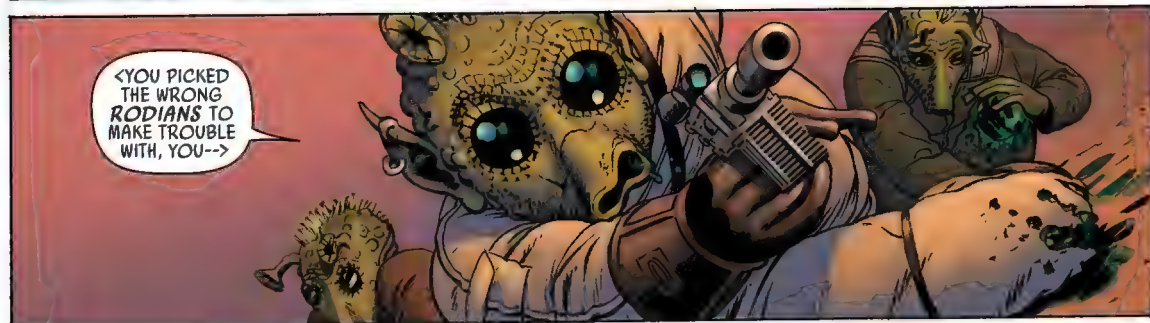
GRRRRGCH!!



VOICE-ACTIVATED
SMART-TARGETING
SCATTERBLASTER.

GUESS YOU BOYS
DON'T HAVE THOSE ON
TATOOINE YET, HUH?
THEY'RE ALL THE RAGE
ON NAR SHADDAA.

<YOU...
WHAT DID
YOU...>



<YOU PICKED
THE WRONG
RODIANS TO
MAKE TROUBLE
WITH, YOU-->



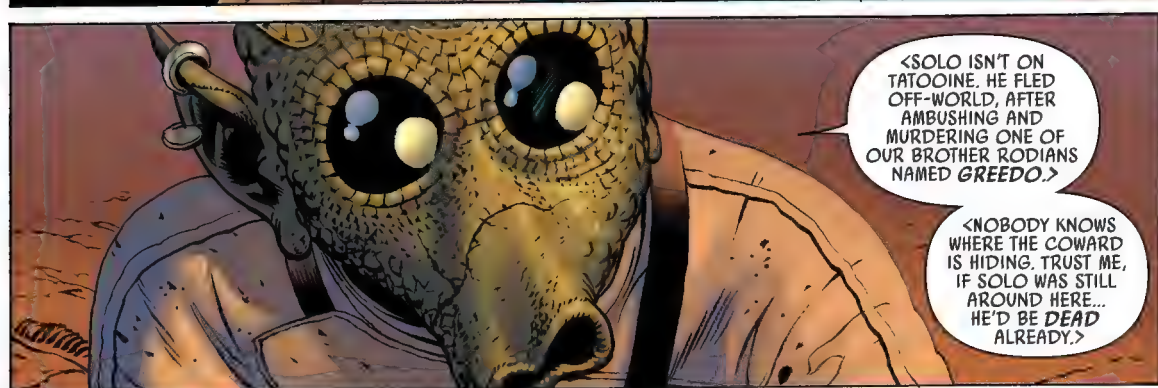
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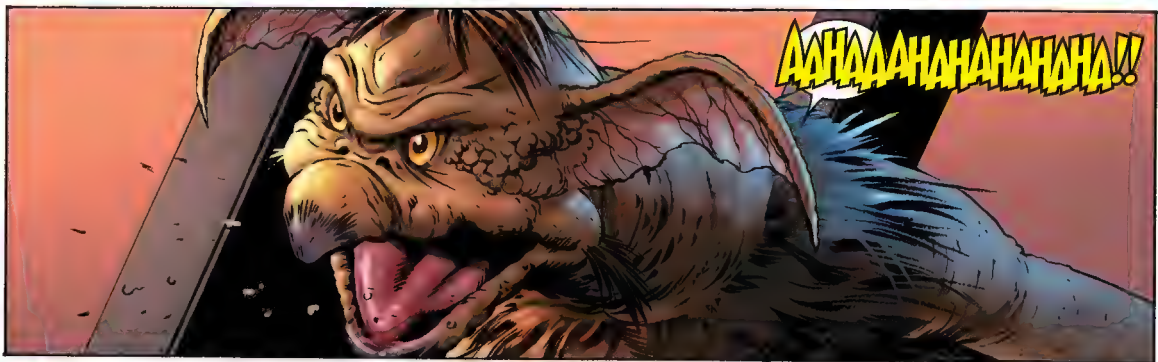
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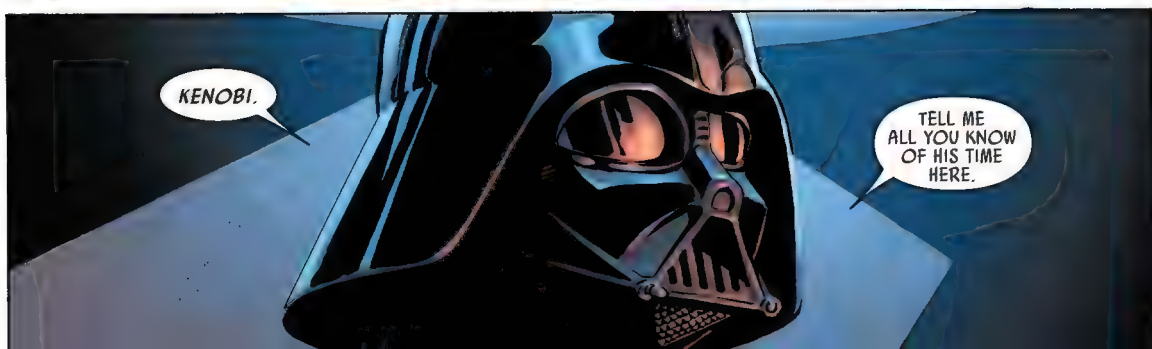
I FIGURED TALK
OF A REWARD WOULD
BRING THE BIGGEST THIEVES
AND CUTTHROATS IN TOWN
SLITHERING OUT OF THEIR
HOLES. AND THIEVES AND
CUTTHROATS ARE EXACTLY
WHAT I NEED.

I'M LOOKING
FOR THE BIGGEST
ONE OF THEM ALL.
A SMUGGLER.

BY THE
NAME OF
SOLO.









<OF COURSE, MANY STORIES I WILL TELL YOU OF TIMES THAT OLD WIZARD WAS A THORN IN MY SIDE.>

<GUARDS! I GROW BORED OF BANTHAS! YOUR EXHALTED HUTT DEMANDS SCREAMING! TAKE US TO THE SARLACC!>

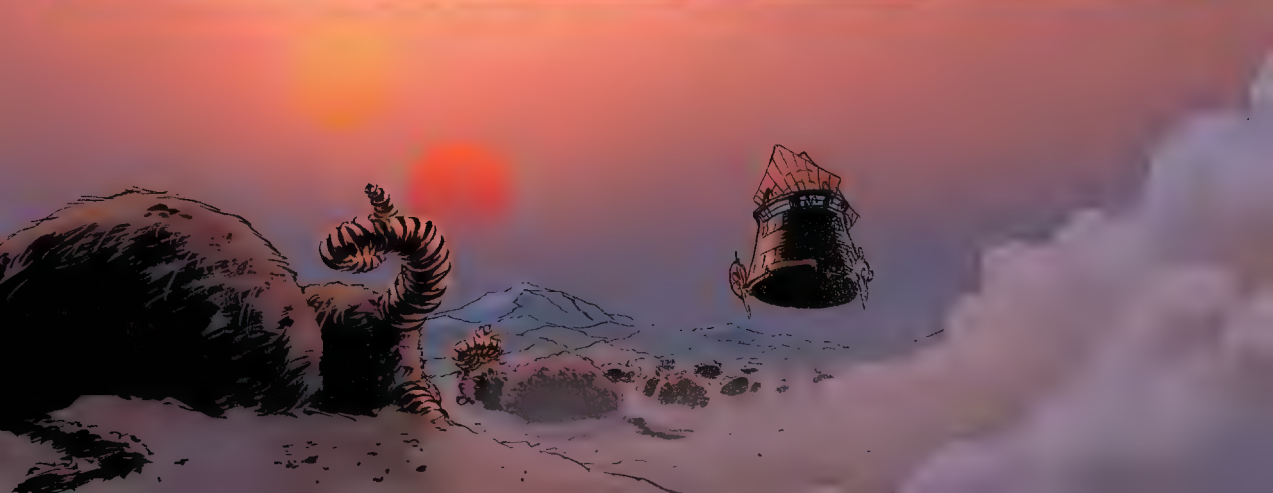


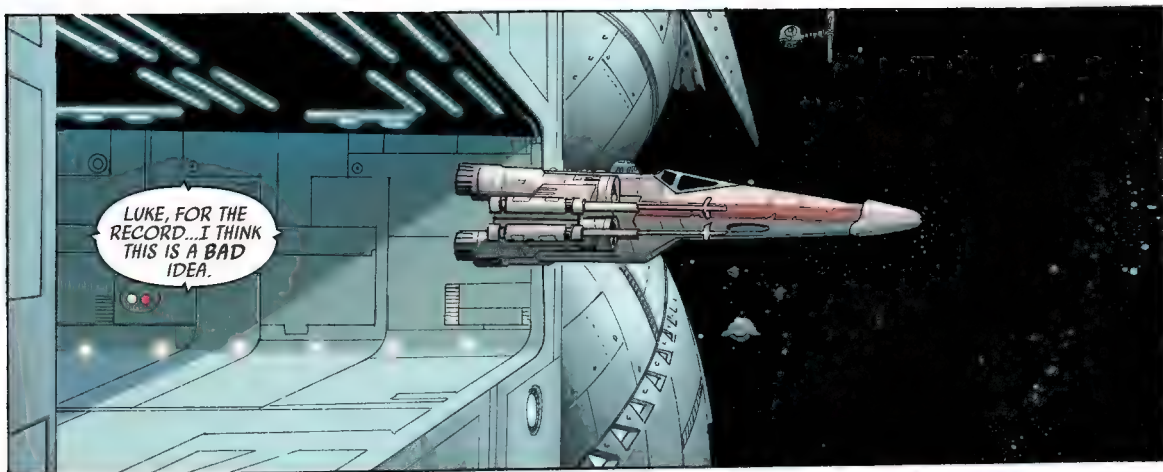
<WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE IT, LORD VADER. THE SARLACC IS ONE OF THE FEW TREASURES THIS DESOLATE WORLD HAS TO OFFER.>

<IT IS STILL HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THIS BOY OF YOURS, THIS **MIGHTY WARRIOR** WHO DESTROYED THE UNDESTROYABLE DEATH STAR, COULD POSSIBLY HAVE COME FROM THESE SAME EMPTY DUNES. >



<WHO KNEW **ANYONE** OF NOTE WAS EVER BORN ON TATOOINE, EH?>





LUKE, FOR THE RECORD...I THINK THIS IS A BAD IDEA.



BUT IF THIS IS SOMETHING YOU FEEL YOU HAVE TO DO, I WON'T ORDER YOU NOT TO GO.

JUST PROMISE ME YOU'LL DO YOUR BEST TO STAY SAFE OUT THERE. THE REBEL ALLIANCE NEEDS YOU BACK IN ONE PIECE.

"BAD IDEA" DOESN'T BEGIN TO COVER IT. THIS IS JUST CRAZY.

KID, THE ENTIRE EMPIRE IS OUT THERE SEARCHING THE GALAXY FOR THE PILOT WHO BLEW UP THE DEATH STAR. WHAT DO YOU THINK'LL HAPPEN IF THEY CATCH YOU?

THE EMPIRE HAS NO IDEA WHO I AM, HAN. AND MORE IMPORTANTLY...



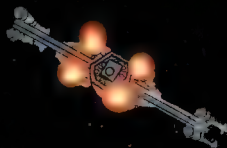
...NEITHER DO I.

I JUST KNOW I'M NOT WHO I'M SUPPOSED TO BE. NOT YET.

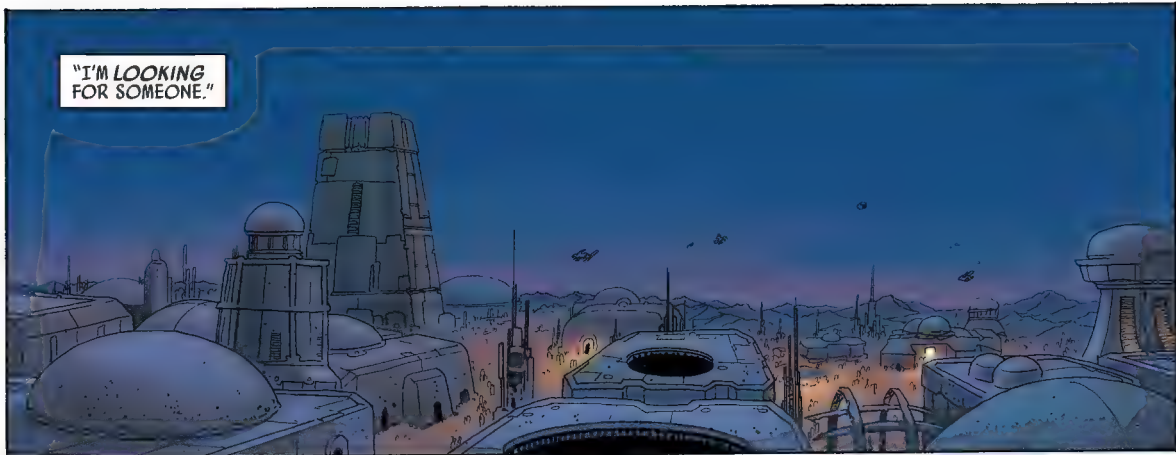
I STILL HAVE TOO MANY QUESTIONS. AND THERE'S ONLY ONE PLACE IN THE GALAXY WHERE I CAN MAYBE START TO GET SOME ANSWERS.

ARTOO...

SET COURSE FOR TATOOINE.



"I'M LOOKING
FOR SOMEONE."



<NOT YOU
TOO.>

<LIKE WE TOLD
THE OTHER BOUNTY
HUNTER, WE DON'T
KNOW WHERE SOLO'S
RUN OFF TO.>

SOLO
CAN WAIT.



TELL ME ALL
YOU KNOW ABOUT
A MAN NAMED
KENOBI.

<KENOBI? THERE'S
A KENOBI WHO LIVES
WAY OUTSIDE OF TOWN,
OUT IN THE DUNE SEA.
SOME CRAZY OLD
WIZARD.>

<WHY ARE
YOU LOOKING
FOR HIM?>



UMM...

<NEVER
MIND, I DON'T
CARE.>

KENOBI'S
DEAD.



AND
BOBA FETT
IS ASKING THE
QUESTIONS.



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But Skywalker knows he has a long way to go if he ever hopes to become a true Jedi. Seeking clues to his destiny, he has returned home to Tatooine.

Meanwhile, Darth Vader is seeking answers of his own and has hired the notorious bounty hunter Boba Fett to track down the pilot who destroyed the Death Star....

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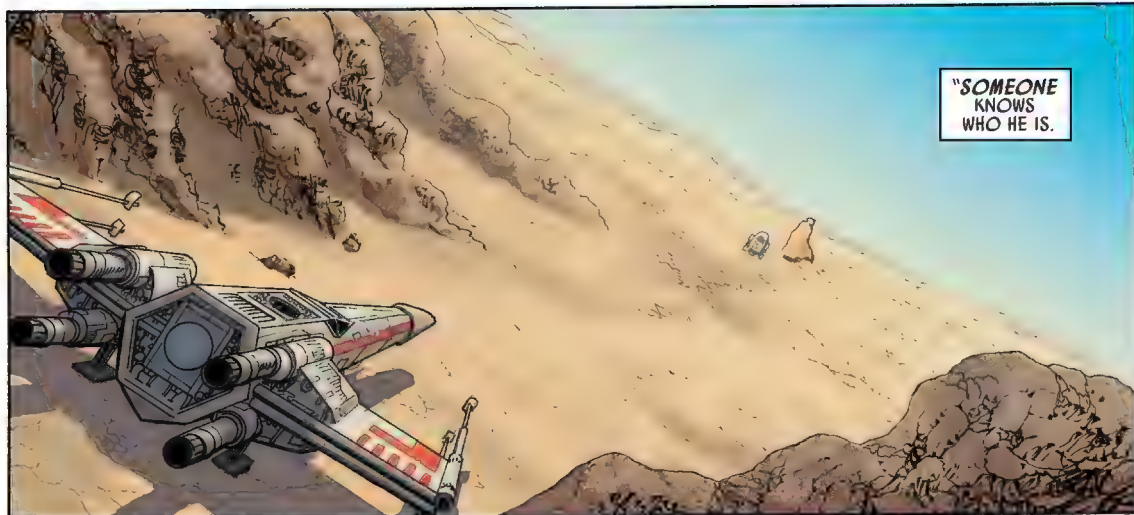
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NOTHING
HERE FOR ME
NOW."

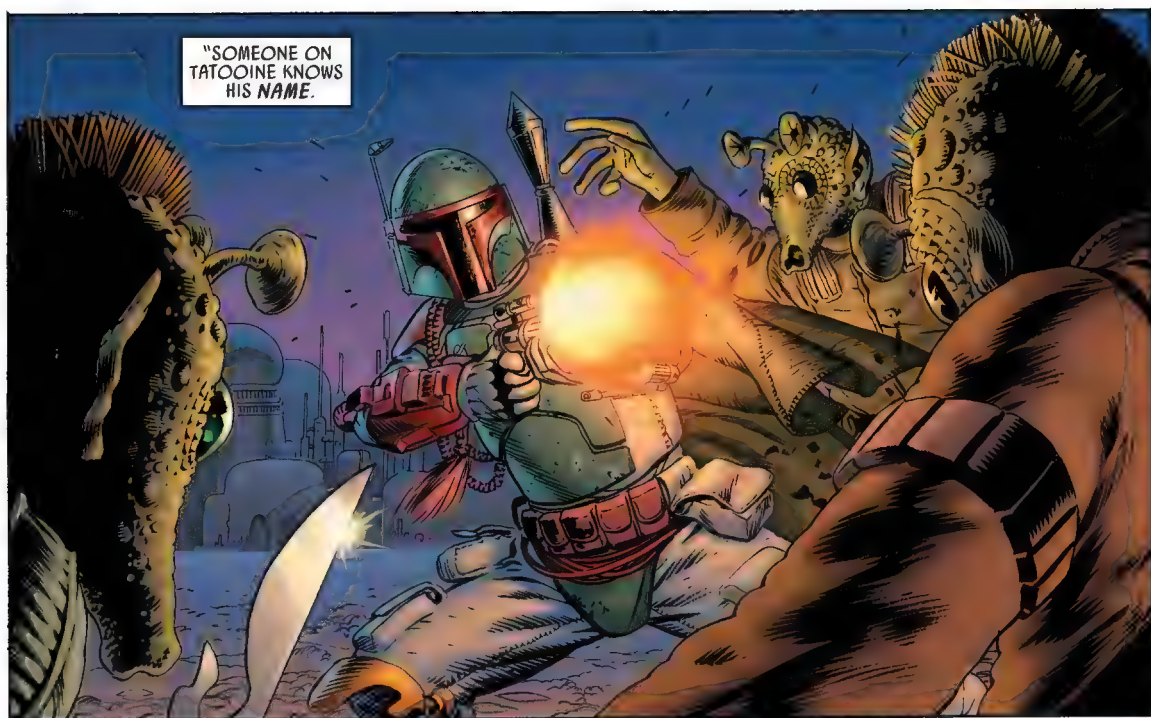
THAT'S WHAT
I SAID WHEN
I LEFT THIS
PLACE.

LET'S
HOPE I WAS
WRONG.

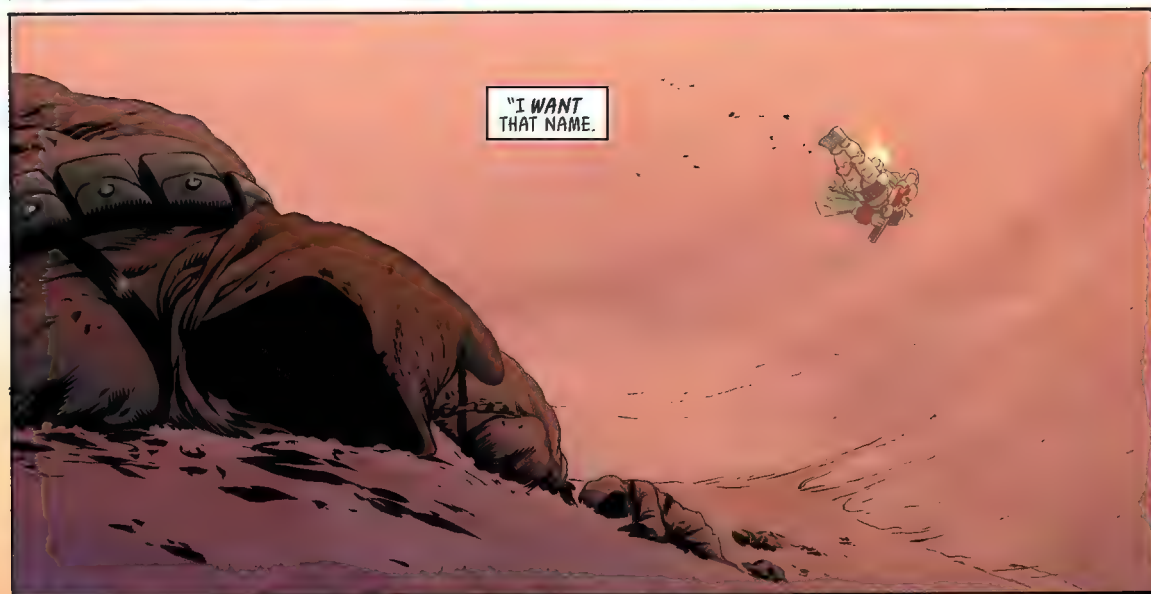


"SOMEONE
KNOWS
WHO HE IS.





"SOMEONE ON
TATOOINE KNOWS
HIS NAME."



"I WANT
THAT NAME."



"AND I DON'T
CARE WHO HAS
TO DIE FOR ME
TO GET IT."



SO.

BEFORE
WE GO ANY
FURTHER.

DOES
ANYONE HERE
HAVE SOMETHING
THEY'D LIKE TO
SAY?



YOU,
HAMMERHEAD.
SPEAK UP, YOU
KNOW THIS
BOY?

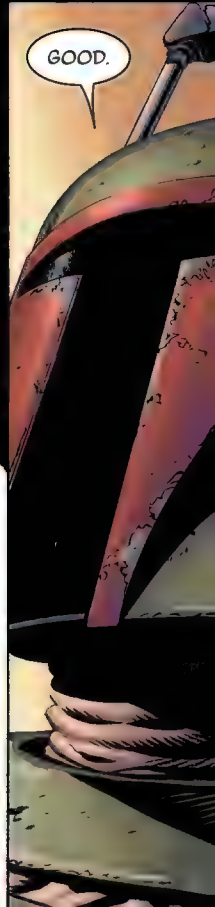
HE'S A PILOT.
AN ASSOCIATE
OF BEN KENOBI,
AND A--

ONLY BOY
I SEE IS YOU,
FETT.



WHO SAID
THAT?

I DID.



GOOD.

AAAAARRRRGGGHHH!

I'VE JUST
REMOVED ONE OF
THIS THING'S ARMS
AND BROKEN TWO
OTHERS.

WHO
HERE KNOWS
THE BOY'S
NAME?

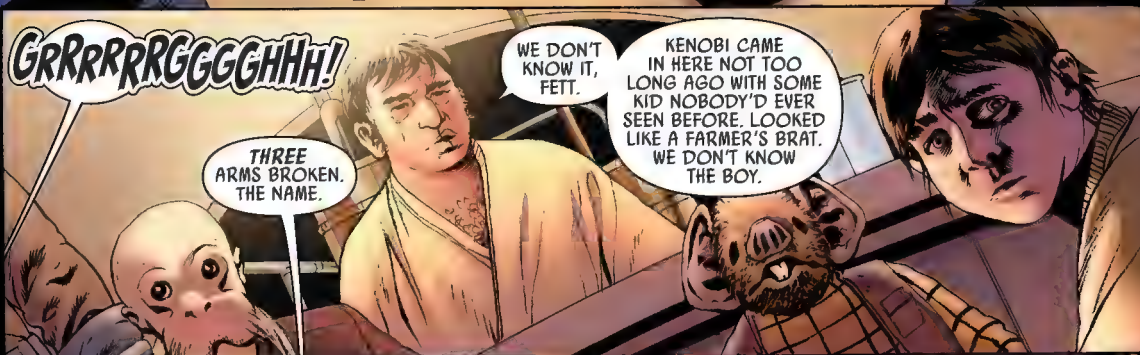


GRRRRRRGGGGHHH!

THREE
ARMS BROKEN.
THE NAME.

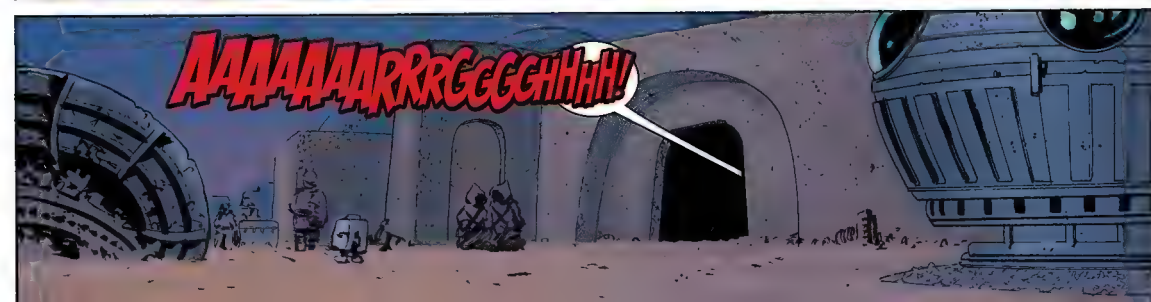
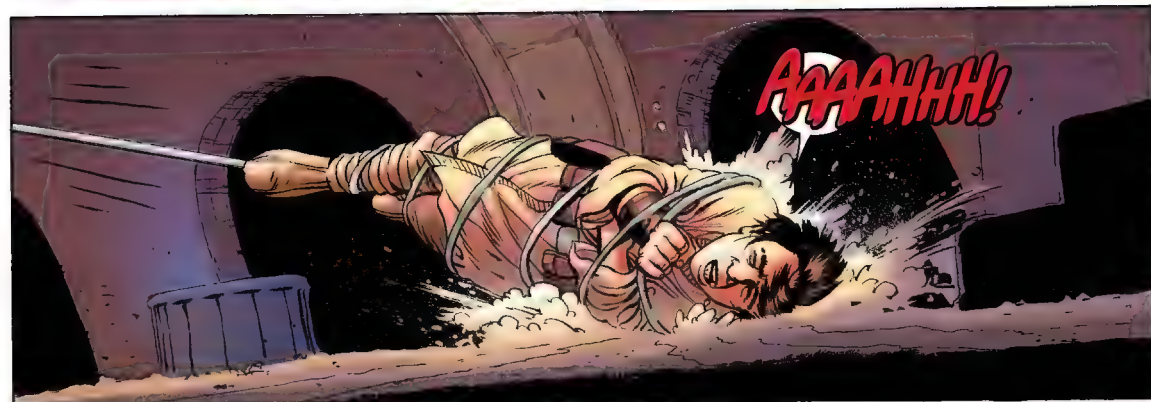
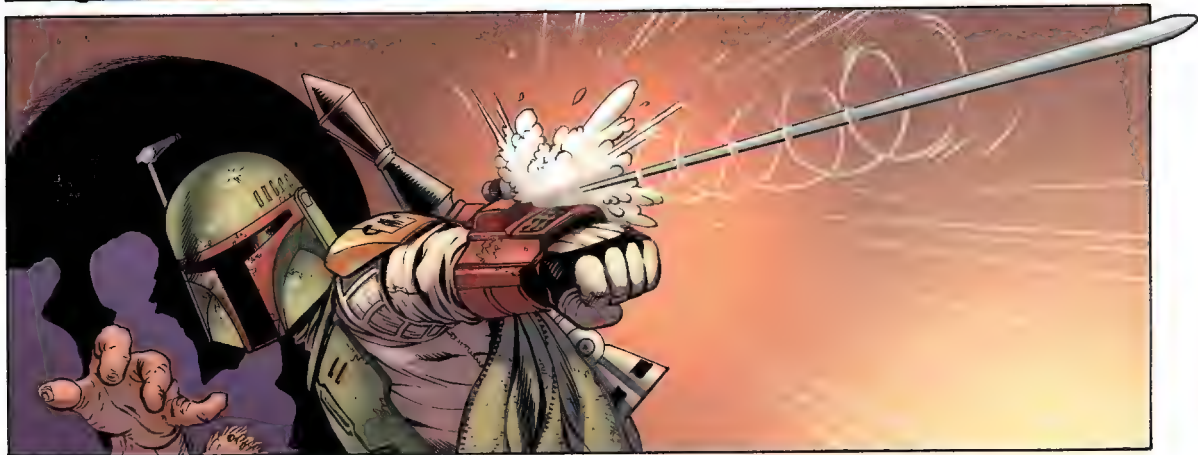
WE DON'T
KNOW IT,
FETT.

KENOBI CAME
IN HERE NOT TOO
LONG AGO WITH SOME
KID NOBODY'D EVER
SEEN BEFORE. LOOKED
LIKE A FARMER'S BRAT.
WE DON'T KNOW
THE BOY.

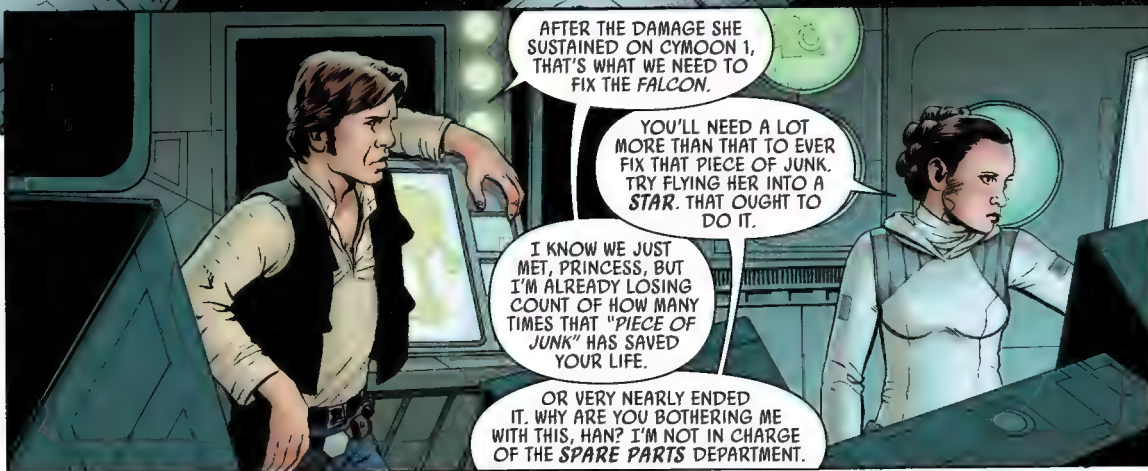


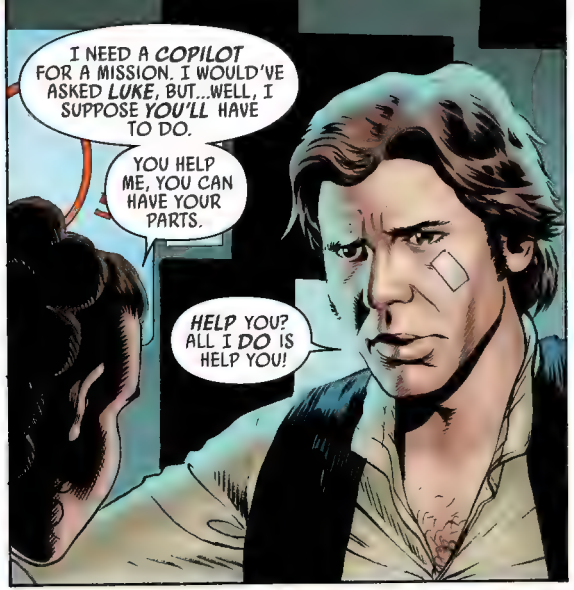
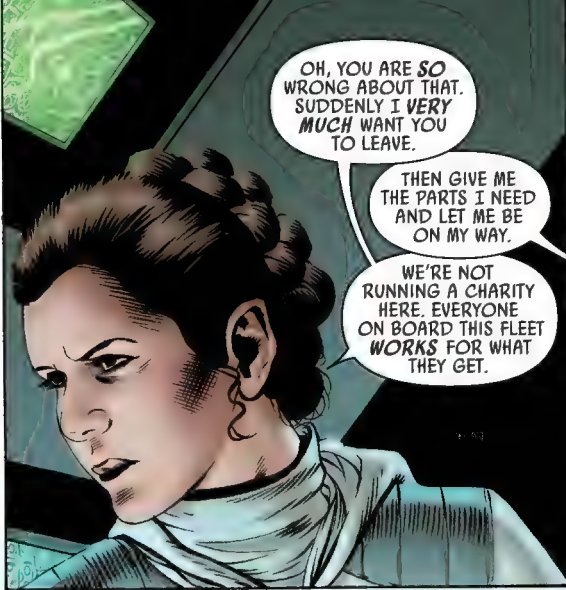
NONE
OF US DO.





"A HYPERDRIVE
REGULATOR, TWO
LASER POWER CELLS
AND THREE
DEGAUSSERS."







SKYWALKER!



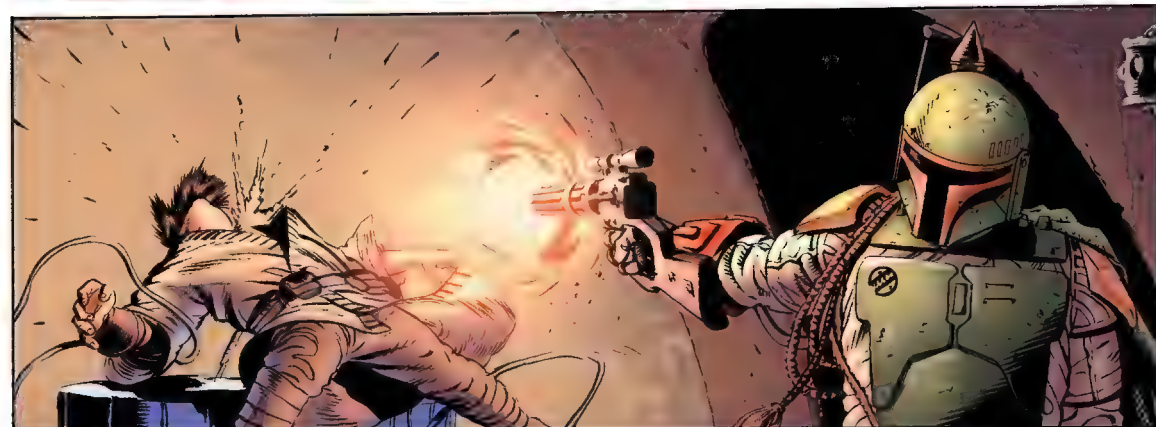
HIS NAME IS
LUKE SKYWALKER!
HE'S THE ONE YOU'RE
LOOKING FOR! I...I
SWEAR!

WHO IS
HE?

MOISTURE
FARMER AND A
BUSH PILOT. LIVES
WITH HIS AUNT AND
UNCLE. USED TO
HANG OUT AT
TOSCHE STATION
WITH BIGGS
AND...

WE CALLED
HIM...CALLED HIM
"WORMIE."

PLEASE
DON'T HURT ME
ANYMORE.



BEN'S HOUSE
SHOULDN'T BE MUCH
FARTHER.

I HAVE NO CLUE WHAT WE'LL FIND
THERE, ARTOO. PROBABLY NOTHING.
BUT WHERE *ELSE* WAS I SUPPOSED
TO GO?

EVERYTHING I
KNOW ABOUT THE
FORCE, ABOUT BEING
A JEDI, WHICH ISN'T
MUCH...I LEARNED
FROM BEN.

AND EVEN
THOUGH HE'S GONE,
I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL
LIKE...HE STILL HAS
SOMETHING LEFT
TO TEACH ME.

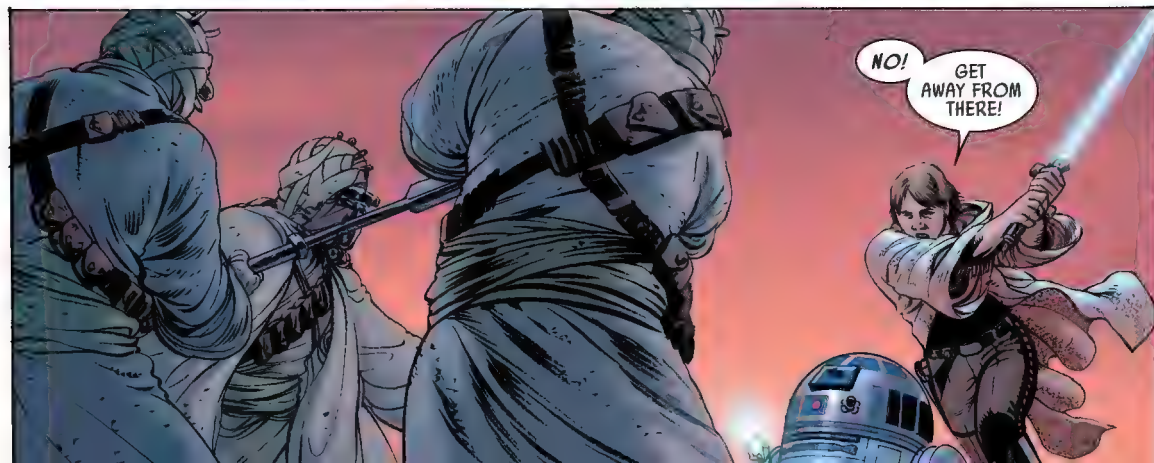
**BEEEP
BIDDA
WUURUU**

I HEAR HIM
SOMETIMES.

I KNOW THAT
SOUNDS CRAZY.
BUT SOMEHOW IT'S
REALLY BEN'S VOICE
IN MY HEAD.

I DON'T
KNOW WHY HE
DOESN'T JUST
TELL ME WHAT
TO DO NEXT OR
WHERE TO...

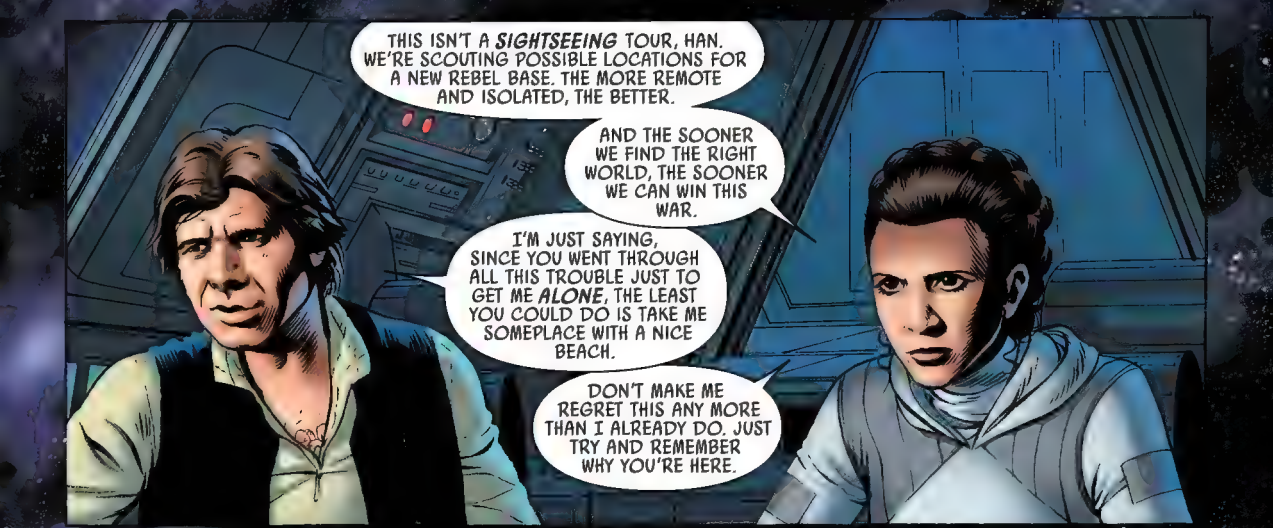
EEEEERRHHHRRRRRRHHH





THE GANATH
CLOUD. THE
TRINDELLO SYSTEM.
THE MOONS OF
OVISE.

QUITE THE LIST
OF *SCENIC*
LOCALES YOU'VE
GOT HERE,
PRINCESS.



THIS ISN'T A *SIGHTSEEING* TOUR, HAN.
WE'RE SCOUTING POSSIBLE LOCATIONS FOR
A NEW REBEL BASE. THE MORE REMOTE
AND ISOLATED, THE BETTER.

AND THE SOONER
WE FIND THE RIGHT
WORLD, THE SOONER
WE CAN WIN THIS
WAR.

I'M JUST SAYING,
SINCE YOU WENT THROUGH
ALL THIS TROUBLE JUST TO
GET ME *ALONE*, THE LEAST
YOU COULD DO IS TAKE ME
SOMEPLACE WITH A NICE
BEACH.

DON'T MAKE ME
REGRET THIS ANY MORE
THAN I ALREADY DO. JUST
TRY AND REMEMBER
WHY YOU'RE HERE.

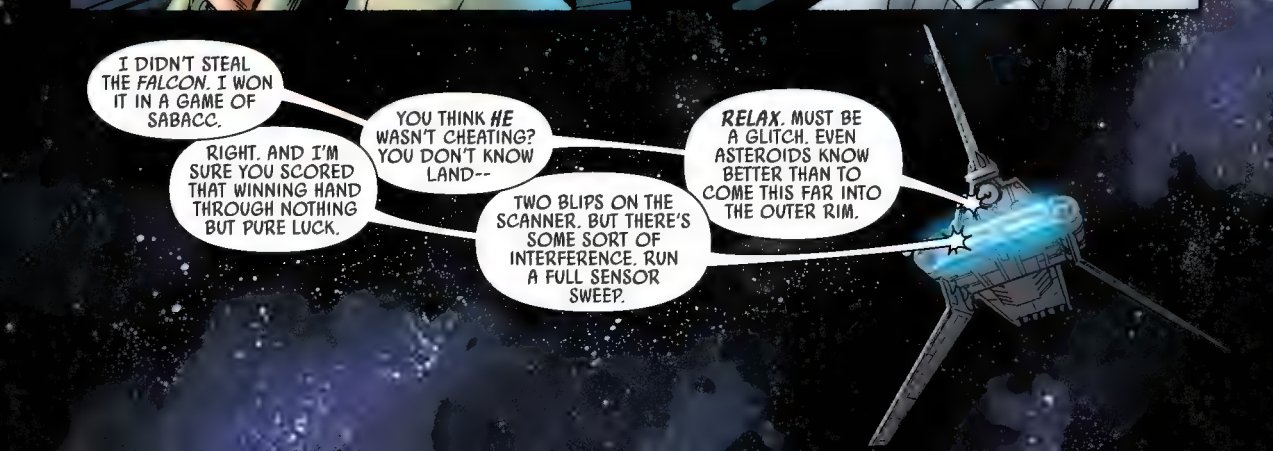


OH, I REMEMBER.
"*COPILOT*." HOW AM
I THE *COPILOT*? I DON'T
SEE ANYONE ELSE HERE
WHO CAPTAINS THEIR
OWN SHIP.

THIS
ISN'T YOUR
SHIP.

IT ISN'T *YOURS*
EITHER, YOUR HIGHNESS.
IT'S A *STOLEN* IMPERIAL
SHUTTLE.

I HELPED STEAL
IT. THAT MAKES IT
MINE. AS A *SMUGGLER*,
SURELY YOU CAN
APPRECIATE THAT.



I DIDN'T STEAL
THE *FALCON*. I WON
IT IN A GAME OF
SABACC.

RIGHT. AND I'M
SURE YOU SCORED
THAT WINNING HAND
THROUGH NOTHING
BUT PURE LUCK.

YOU THINK *HE*
WASN'T CHEATING?
YOU DON'T KNOW
LAND--

TWO BLIPS ON THE
SCANNER. BUT THERE'S
SOME SORT OF
INTERFERENCE. RUN
A FULL SENSOR
SWEEP.

RELAX. MUST BE
A GLITCH. EVEN
ASTEROIDS KNOW
BETTER THAN TO
COME THIS FAR INTO
THE OUTER RIM.



ATTENTION,
UNKNOWN SHUTTLE.
YOU DO NOT HAVE
CLEARANCE FOR
THIS SECTOR.

IDENTIFY
YOURSELF.



TIE FIGHTERS.
YOU LET THEM
STROLL RIGHT UP
BEHIND US.

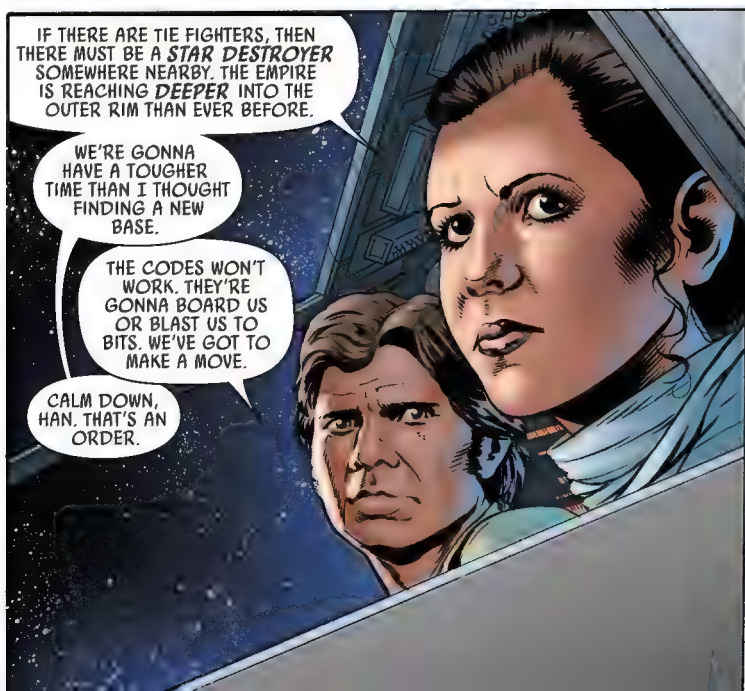
OKAY, I ADMIT
IT, I'M A **TERRIBLE**
COPLOT. NOW GIVE
ME THE CONTROLS AND
LET ME FLY US OUT
OF THIS.

NO, RELAX.
THIS IS WHY WE
STOLE A SHUTTLE
IN THE FIRST
PLACE.



THIS IS SHUTTLE
INVICTUS, OUT OF
THE **BLACKFEL** SYSTEM,
ON A CLASSIFIED
SCOUTING
MISSION.

TRANSMITTING
CLEARANCE CODES
NOW.

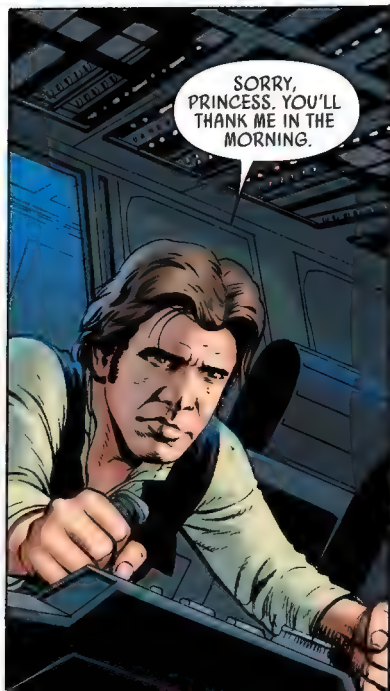


IF THERE ARE TIE FIGHTERS, THEN
THERE MUST BE A **STAR DESTROYER**
SOMEWHERE NEARBY. THE EMPIRE
IS REACHING **DEEPER** INTO THE
OUTER RIM THAN EVER BEFORE.

WE'RE GONNA
HAVE A TOUGHER
TIME THAN I THOUGHT
FINDING A NEW
BASE.

THE CODES WON'T
WORK. THEY'RE
GONNA BOARD US
OR BLAST US TO
BITS. WE'VE GOT TO
MAKE A MOVE.

CALM DOWN,
HAN. THAT'S AN
ORDER.



SORRY,
PRINCESS. YOU'LL
THANK ME IN THE
MORNING.



SHUTTLE
INVICTUS, YOU
ARE CLEARED
FOR...

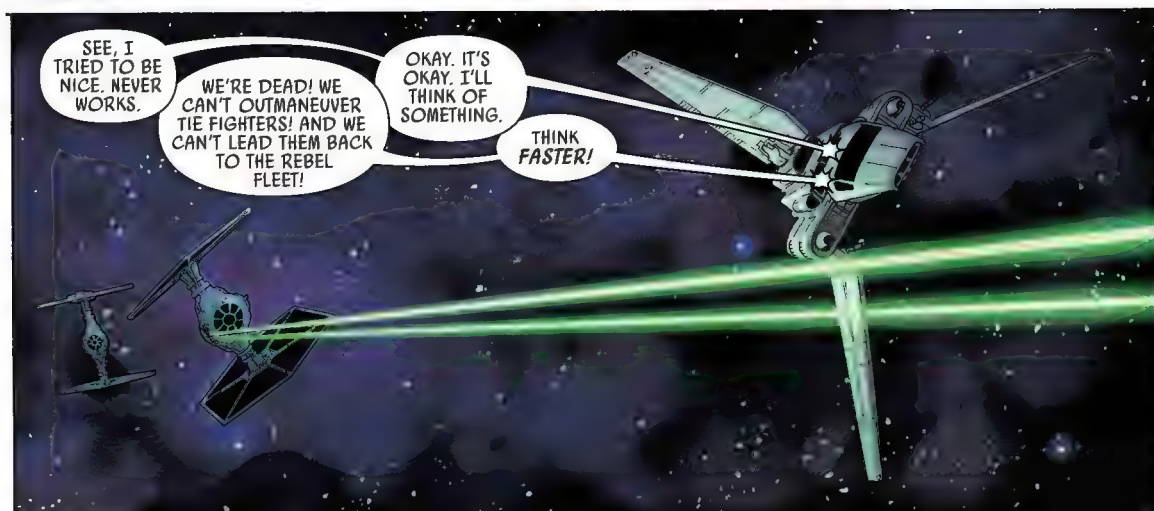
WAIT,
WHAT ARE
YOU...



HAN, YOU
IDIOT! THEY WERE
JUST ABOUT TO
CLEAR US!

YEAH, HI, THIS
IS THE SHUTTLE.
ENGINES MISFIRED
THERE FOR A SECOND,
BUT IT'S NOTHING TO
BE CONCERNED
ABOUT. WE'LL JUST
BE ON OUR WAY.
THANKS.

NEGATIVE.
STAND BY TO BE
BOARDED OR WE
WILL OPEN FIRE.



SEE, I
TRIED TO BE
NICE. NEVER
WORKS.

WE'RE DEAD! WE
CAN'T OUTMANEUVER
TIE FIGHTERS! AND WE
CAN'T LEAD THEM BACK
TO THE REBEL
FLEET!

OKAY. IT'S
OKAY. I'LL
THINK OF
SOMETHING.

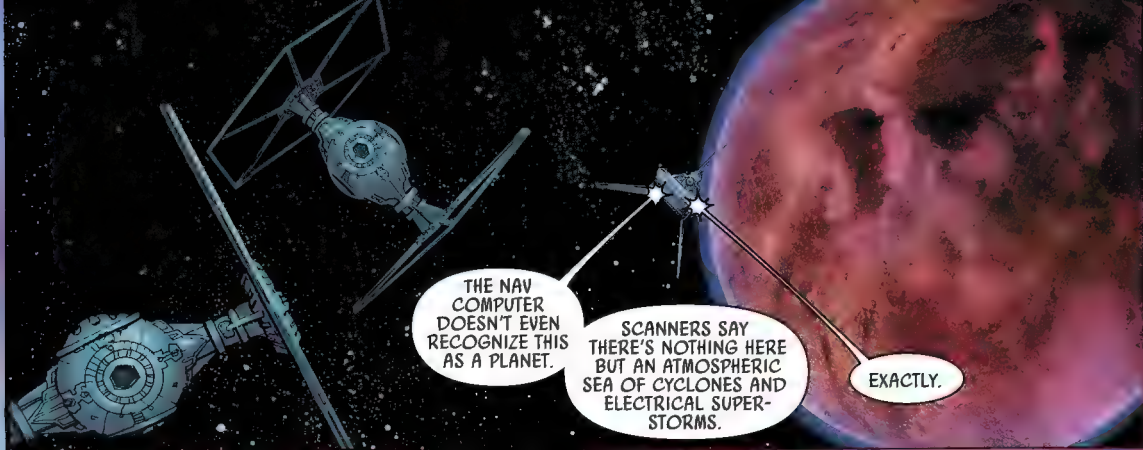
THINK
FASTER!



WE'RE IN THE
MODELL SECTOR,
RIGHT? HOW FAR
TO THE MONSUA
NEBULA?

A FEW LIGHT
YEARS.

THEN WE'RE
IN LUCK. I KNOW
A PLACE.



THE NAV
COMPUTER
DOESN'T EVEN
RECOGNIZE THIS
AS A PLANET.

SCANNERS SAY
THERE'S NOTHING HERE
BUT AN ATMOSPHERIC
SEA OF CYCLONES AND
ELECTRICAL SUPER-
STORMS.

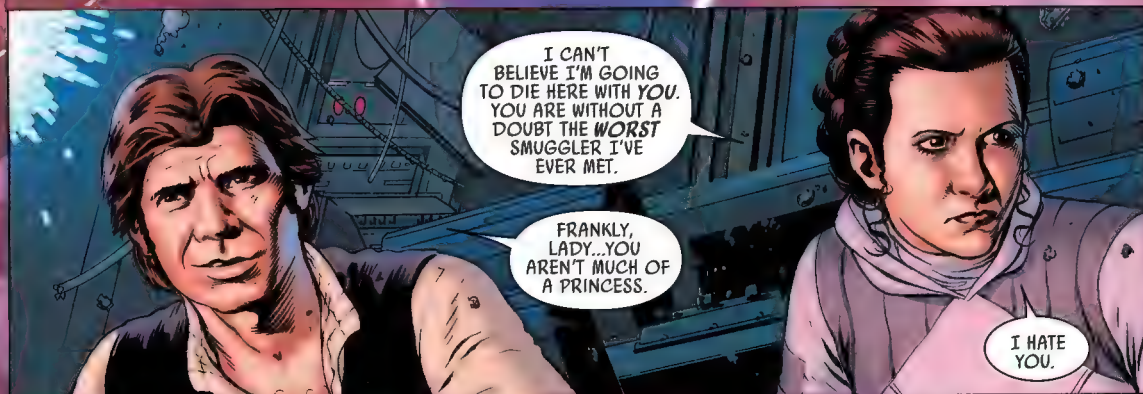
EXACTLY.



YOU CAN'T BE
SERIOUS?

BECAUSE THEY'RE
NOT AS *STUPID* AS
YOU ARE! WE'LL BE
TORN APART!

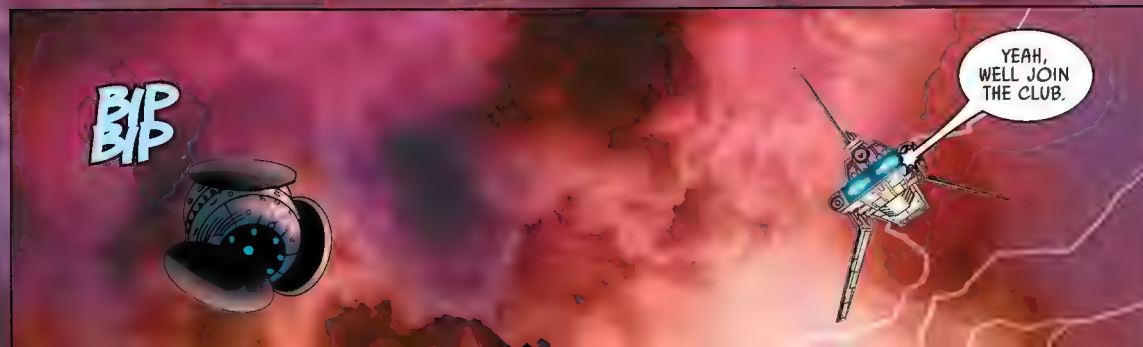
THE BUCKETHEADS
STOPPED FOLLOWING
US, DIDN'T THEY?



I CAN'T
BELIEVE I'M GOING
TO DIE HERE WITH *YOU*.
YOU ARE WITHOUT A
DOUBT THE *WORST*
SMUGGLER I'VE
EVER MET.

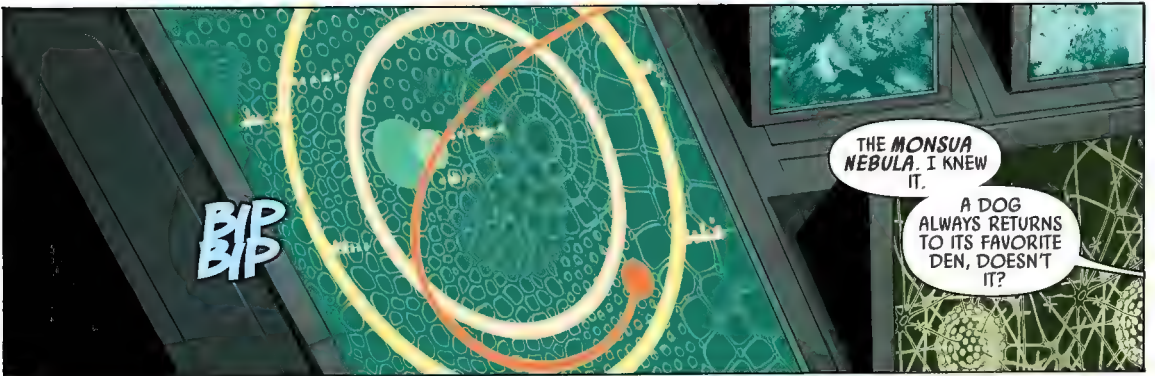
FRANKLY,
LADY...YOU
AREN'T MUCH OF
A PRINCESS.

I HATE
YOU.



BIP
BIP

YEAH,
WE'LL JOIN
THE CLUB.





IF THEY
HADN'T *RUN*...I
MIGHT'VE...

I'M JUST
GLAD THEY
RAN.



ALL I FEEL
IS ANGER, AND
FRUSTRATION.
SOMETHING TELLS
ME THAT'S NOT THE
PATH TO BECOMING
A JEDI.

I NEED
ANSWERS, ARTOO.
LET'S HOPE BEN
LEFT US A FEW.



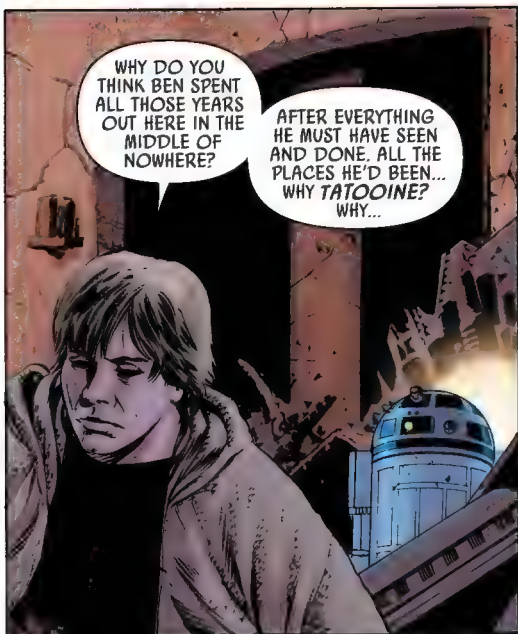
SUDDENLY
I'M NOT SO
HOPEFUL. LOOK
AT THIS MESS.



DIDN'T LOOK LIKE
THOSE SAND PEOPLE
MADE OFF WITH ANYTHING.
BUT I'M GUESSING THERE
WASN'T MUCH HERE TO
BEGIN WITH.

LOOK AROUND,
ARTOO, SEE IF YOU
CAN FIND ANYTHING
INTERESTING.

**BIP BOO
WHEEP**



WHY DO YOU
THINK BEN SPENT
ALL THOSE YEARS
OUT HERE IN THE
MIDDLE OF
NOWHERE?

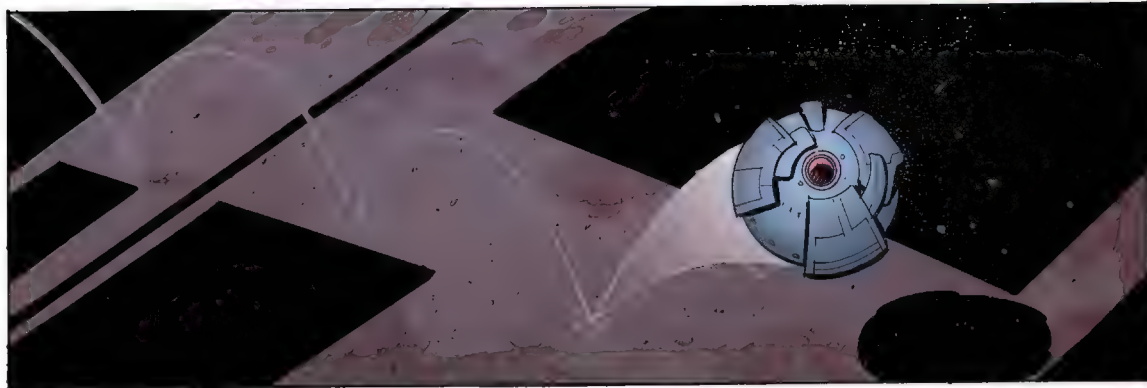
AFTER EVERYTHING
HE MUST HAVE SEEN
AND DONE. ALL THE
PLACES HE'D BEEN...
WHY TATOOINE?
WHY...



**BEEDO BEEDO
WHHMP**

WHAT? WHAT
IS IT? YOU FIND
SOMETHING?
WHAT'S IT...

WAIT...
DOES THAT
SAY... "FOR
LUKE"?



AARRRRGGHH!



ARTOO? WHAT
HAPPENED?

I CAN'T
SEE!

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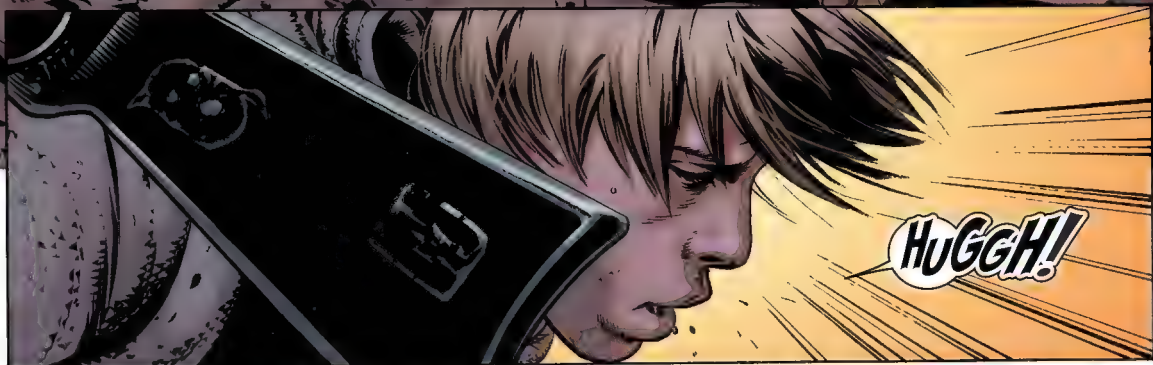


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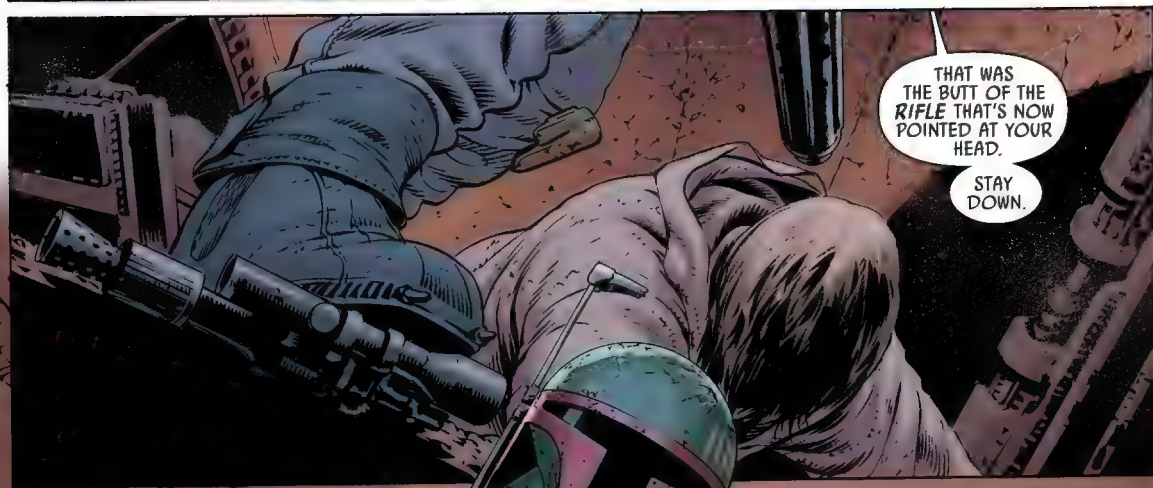


ARTOO...?
I CAN'T
SEE!

WHAT'S
HAPPENED?
ARE YOU--



HUGGH!

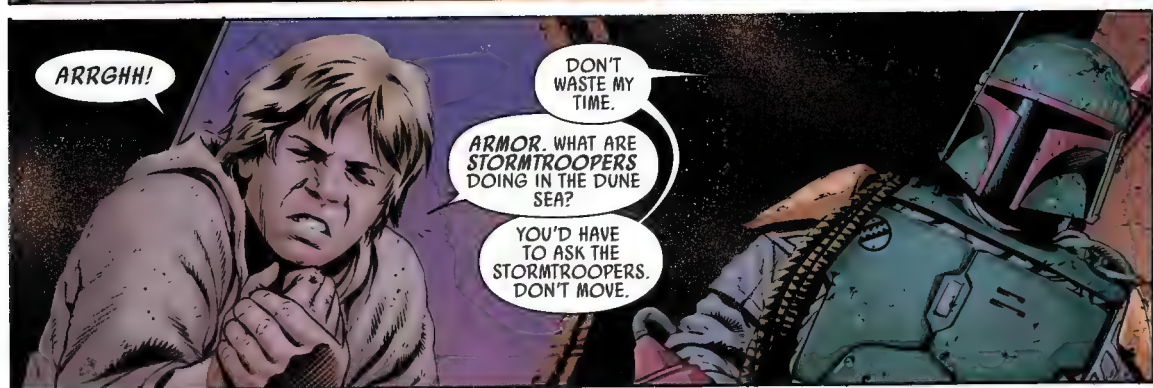
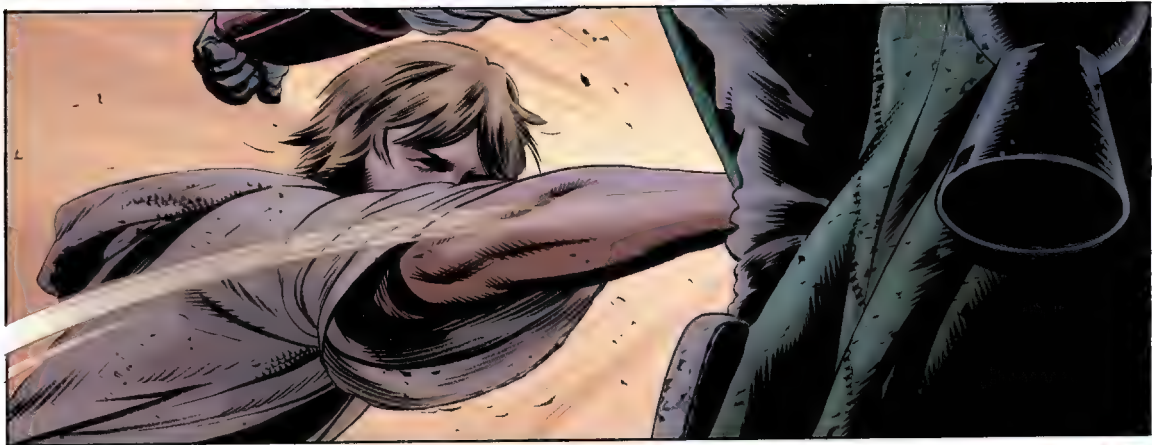


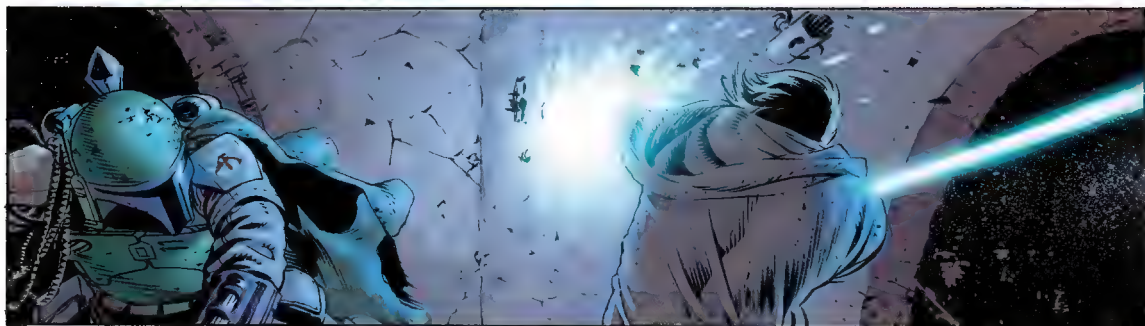
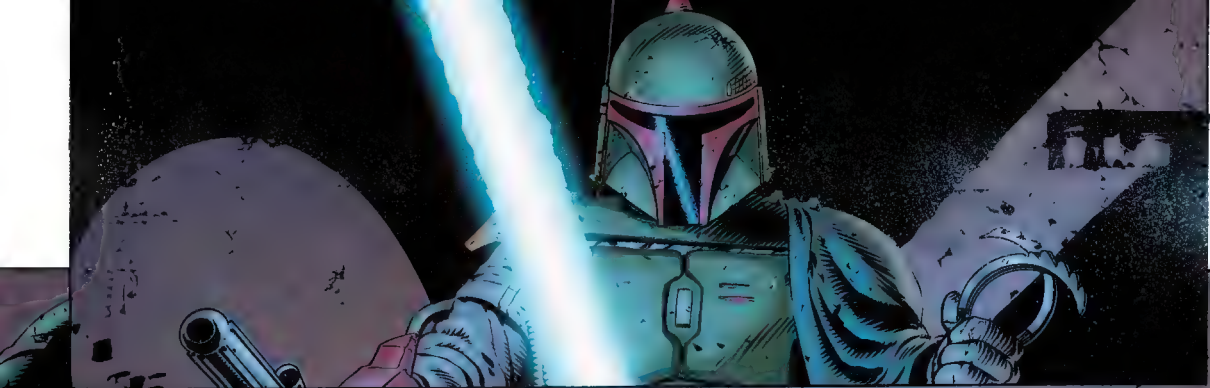
THAT WAS
THE BUTT OF THE
RIFLE THAT'S NOW
POINTED AT YOUR
HEAD.

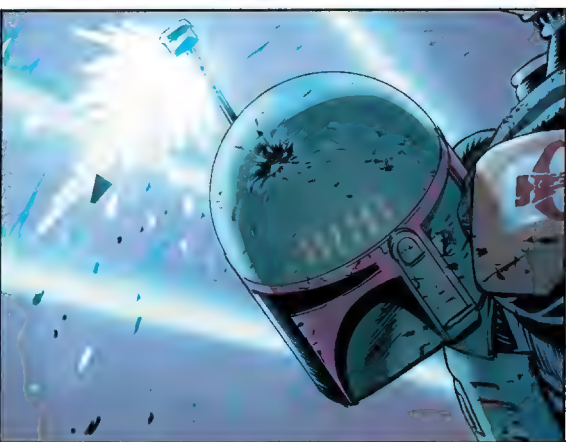
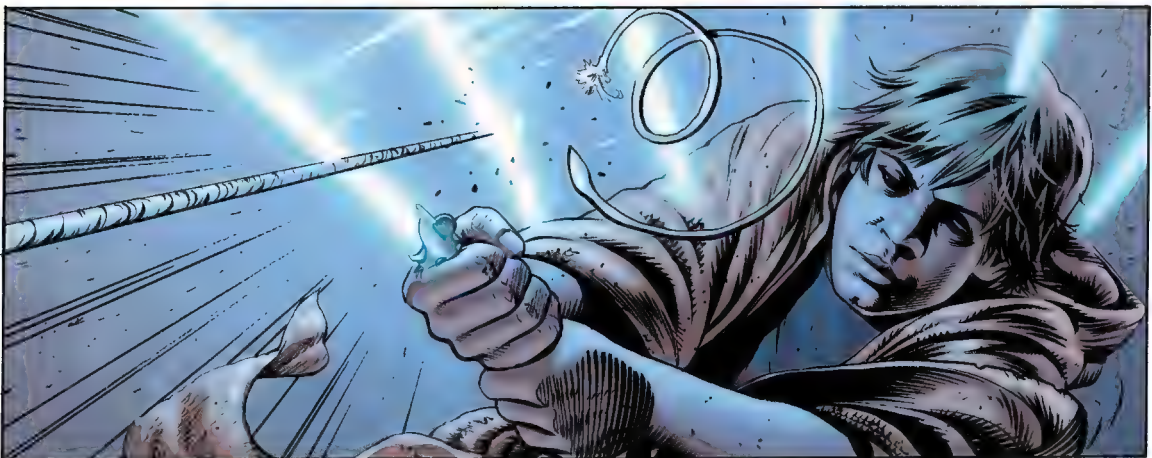
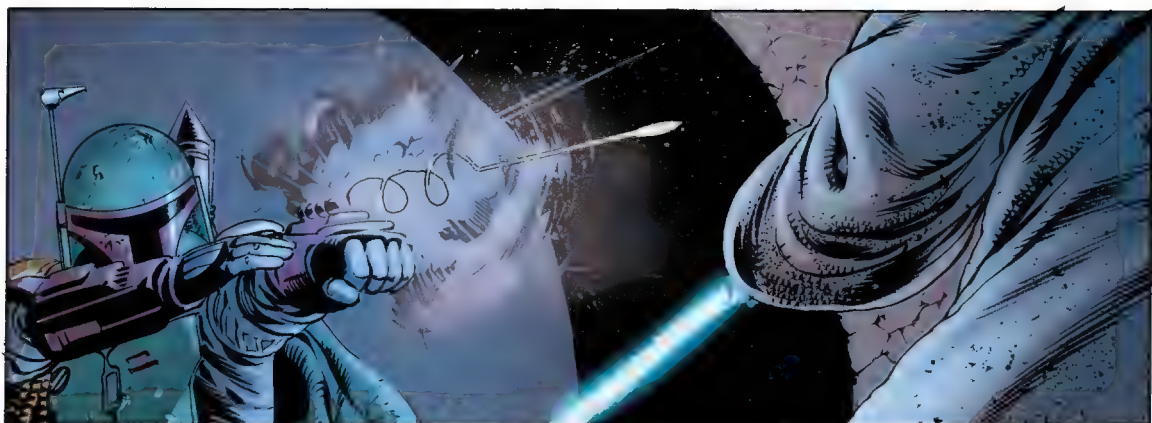
STAY
DOWN.



SKYWALKER.



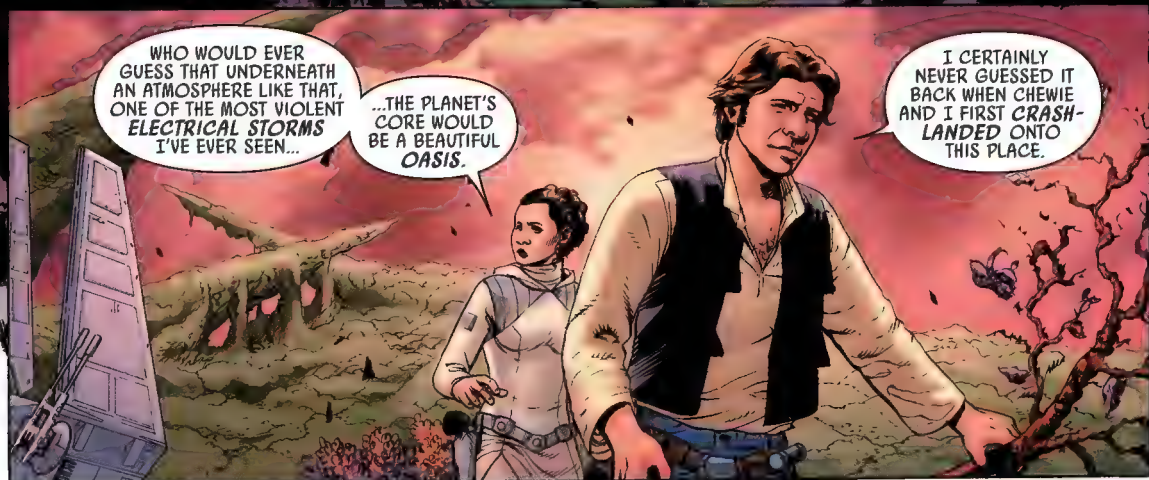








THIS IS
INCREDIBLE.



WHO WOULD EVER
GUESS THAT UNDERNEATH
AN ATMOSPHERE LIKE THAT,
ONE OF THE MOST VIOLENT
ELECTRICAL STORMS
I'VE EVER SEEN...

...THE PLANET'S
CORE WOULD
BE A BEAUTIFUL
OASIS.

I CERTAINLY
NEVER GUESSED IT
BACK WHEN CHEWIE
AND I FIRST **CRASH-**
LANDED ONTO
THIS PLACE.



USED IT A FEW
TIMES SINCE THEN. A
SMUGGLER'S ONLY
AS GOOD AS HIS
HIDING PLACES.

AND IN
CASE YOU
HAVEN'T
HEARD...



...I'M
KINDA THE
BEST.

AND WHAT
IF THOSE **TIE**
FIGHTERS
DECIDE TO
COME AFTER
US?



LET'S
HOPE THEY
DO.

THOSE IMPERIALS
ARE SHORT-RANGE
PILOTS, NOT DEEP-SPACE
SMUGGLERS. THEY'D NEVER
MAKE IT THROUGH
THE STORMS.



SCANNERS CAN'T
PIERCE DOWN HERE EITHER.
WITH ANY LUCK, THOSE
BUCKETHEADS WILL FIGURE
WE'RE DEAD AND LEAVE
US BE.

STILL, BEST IF
WE WAIT A BIT BEFORE
WE GO STICKING OUR
HEADS OUT, JUST
TO BE SURE.



THIS WORLD
COULD BE USEFUL
TO THE REBELLION.
OTHER THAN
CHEWBACCA, WHO
ELSE KNOWS THIS
IS HERE?



AH, BLESS
YOU, CHEWIE.
BLESS YOU FOR NOT
DRINKING IT ALL.

HAN?

NOBODY.
YOUR HIGHNESS.
NOBODY ELSE IN
THE WHOLE GALAXY
KNOWS ABOUT
THIS PLACE.



NOBODY
BUT YOU AND
ME.

YOU
EVER HAD
CORELLIAN
WINE?



THEY
MUST BE
DEAD.

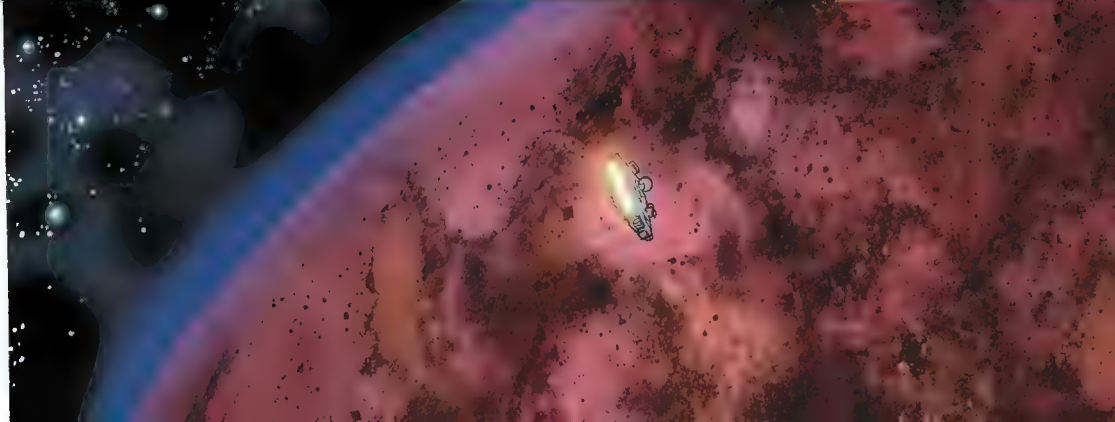
THERE'S NO WAY
THEY COULD SURVIVE
IN THOSE STORMS FOR
THIS LONG. I SAY WE
CALL IT AND HEAD
BACK TO THE
WARSHIP.

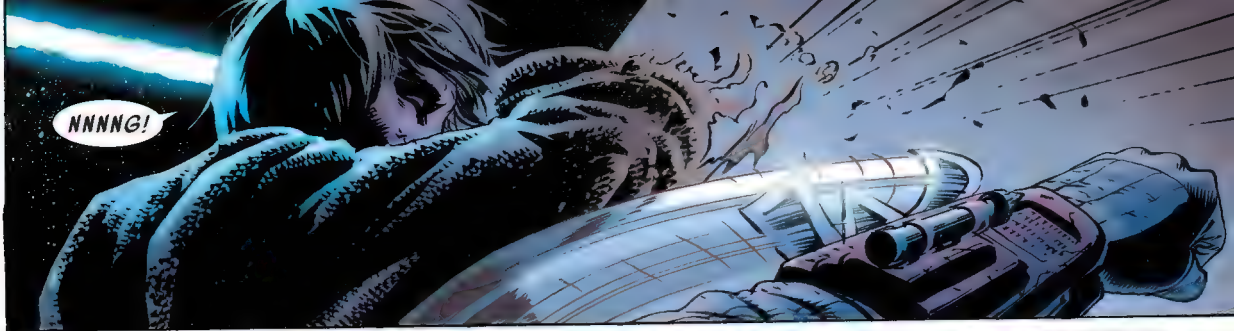
WE'D BETTER
BE SURE IS ALL. IF
ANYTHING COMES
OF THIS, IT'LL BE
OUR HEADS
THAT--

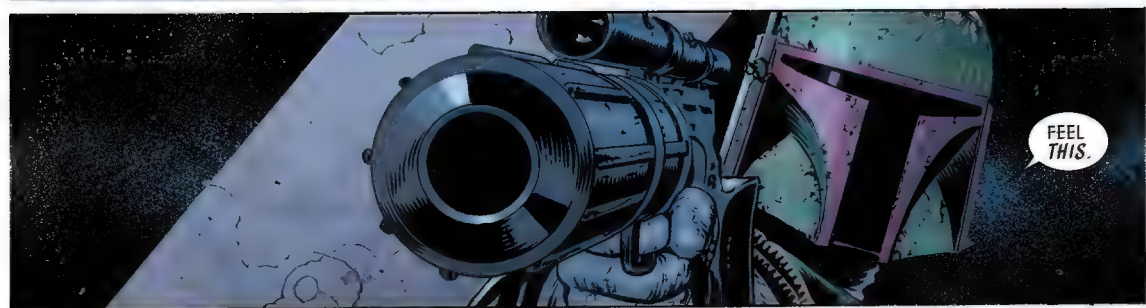


ATTENTION,
UNKNOWN VESSEL!
IDENTIFY YOURSELF
IMMEDIATELY!

DON'T MIND
ME, BOYS. I
WON'T BE HERE
LONG.





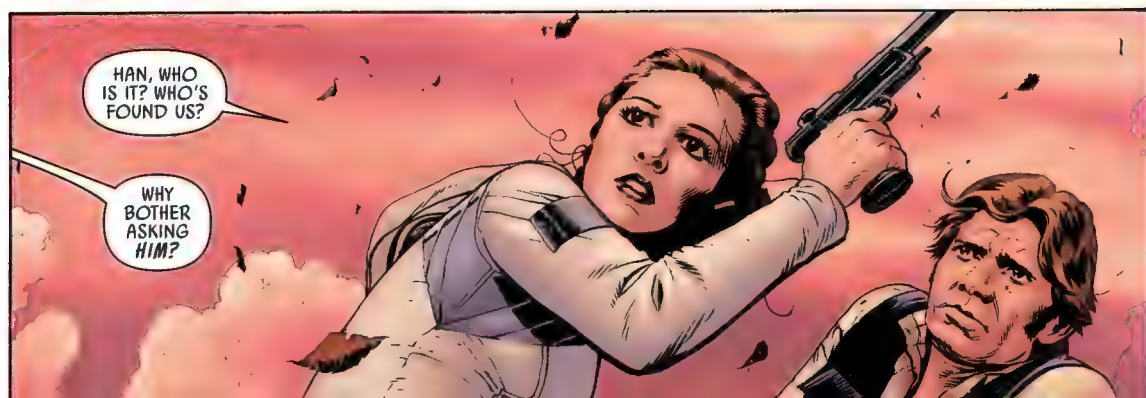
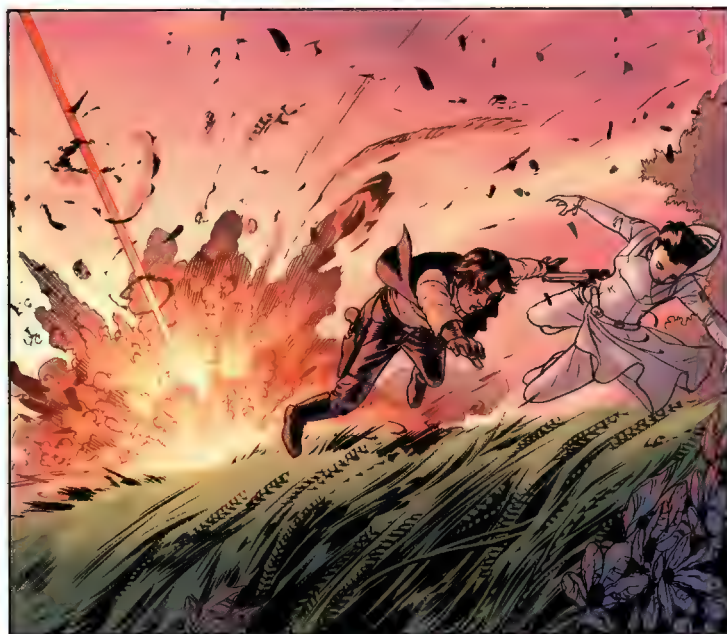














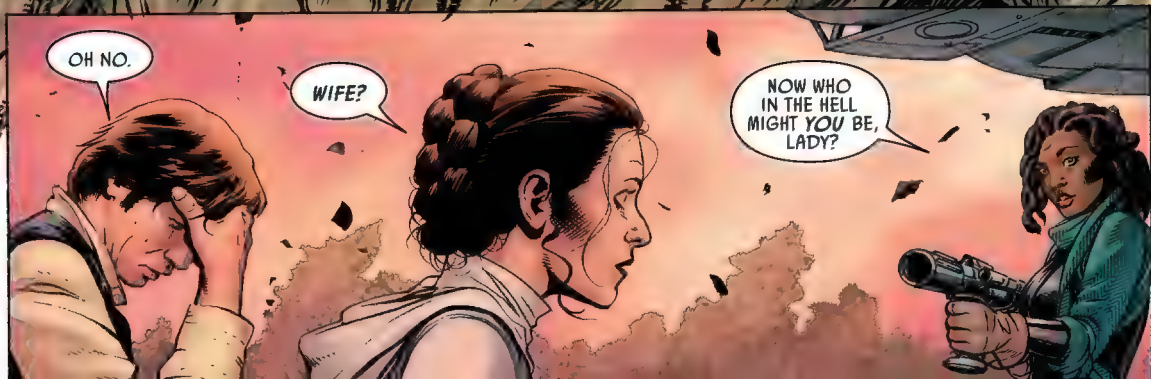
HE'D JUST
LIE.

IT'S THE ONLY
THING HE'S EVER
BEEN GOOD
AT.

I SHOULD
KNOW.

THE NAME
IS **SANA
SOLO**.

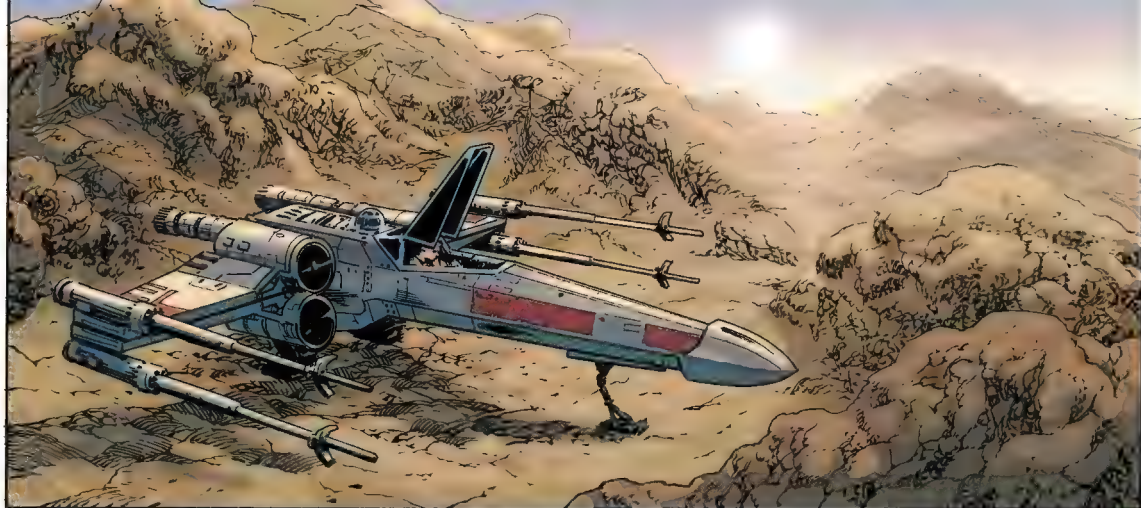
I'M HIS
WIFE.



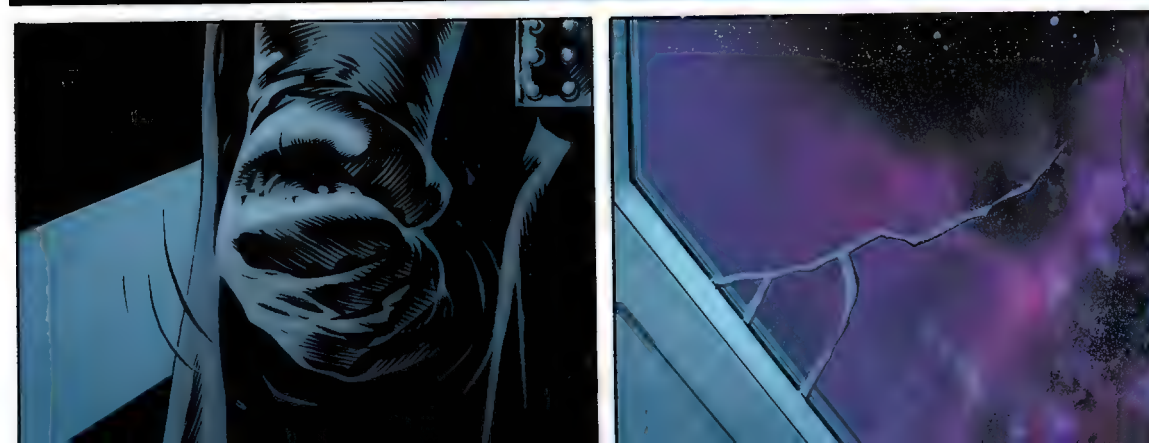
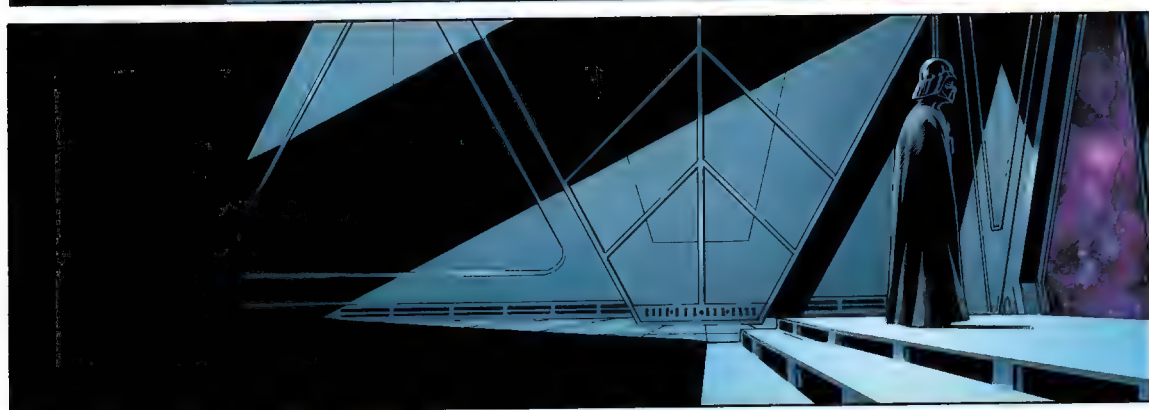
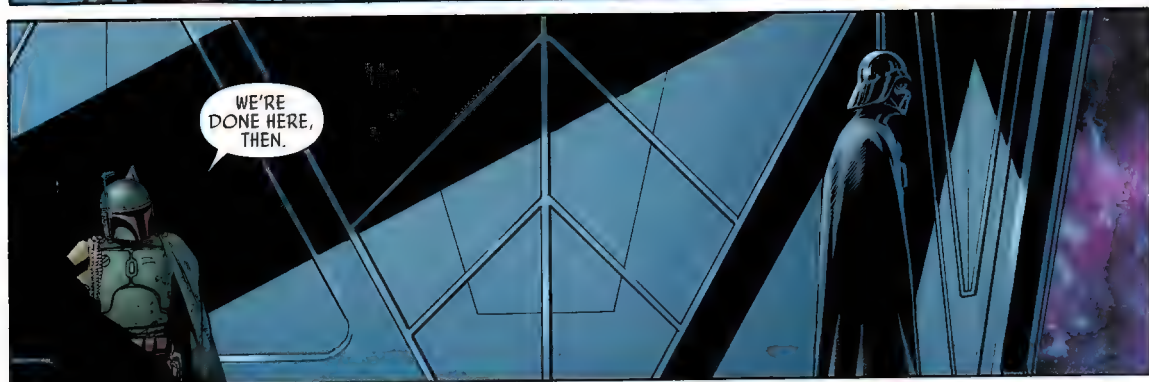
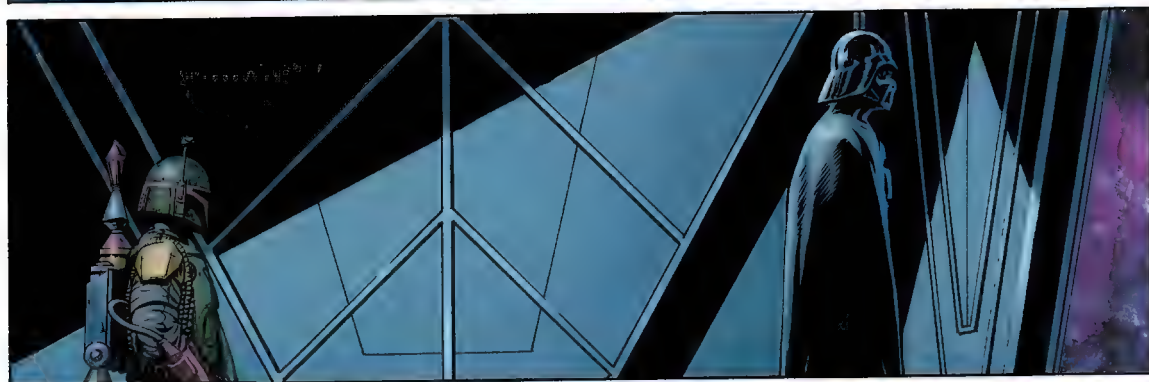
OH NO.

WIFE?

NOW WHO
IN THE HELL
MIGHT YOU BE,
LADY?







SKYWALKER.



STAR WARS

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Don't forget to mark the letter "OK TO PRINT."

Hello and welcome to the first Marvel Comics *Star Wars* letters column in... wow, 29 years. How wild is that? Marvel published the very first *Star Wars* comic book back in April 1977, more than a month before the original film was even released. That series ran for 107 issues, plus Annuals and a *Return of the Jedi* mini-series. The last issue came out in June of 1986. So it's been that long since we were able to do something like this in the pages of a Marvel comic.

Let me start things off just by saying how thrilled I am to be part of all this. I'm Jason Aaron, by the way, the guy who writes the book you're now holding. And hopefully it shows within the pages of each and every issue of this series just how much fun I'm having. How much fun we're ALL having. I'm sure I speak for all of us here in a galaxy far, far away when I say...**THANK YOU!** Thank you for the amazing response to these new *Star Wars* comics. In case you didn't hear, the first issue of this series sold over a million copies, making it the best-selling American comic book in 20 years. And pretty much every issue since has sold out and gone into multiple printings. And that's not just with this series. Marvel's *Darth Vader* and *Princess Leia* series have been chart-topping hits. It's certainly an exciting time to be a part of the *Star Wars* universe. And as far as I'm concerned, we're just getting started.

Now bring on the letters!

Hi -

Just wanted to send all of the folks working on *Star Wars* a note to say "thanks" - I'd never read a comic until I picked up *Star Wars* #1 and I was very pleasantly swept off my feet. Y'all are doing a great job with the characters and I can't wait to see where the story goes from here. This has been my gateway into other comics (not sure my wallet is as grateful for that as I am) - I've since discovered and plowed my way through a handful of other series and am now hopelessly addicted and await each Wednesday with bated breath.

Thanks again - can't wait to see what's ahead.

Heath

Welcome to the fold, Heath. You've made a wise decision.

I can't remember a time where a new

monthly title started out with such a bang. When you guys were given the assignment to do *Star Wars* did you feel like kids in a candy shop? Keep up the good work-

Justin Reeves
Pleasant Grove, Utah

I still feel like a kid in a candy shop, Justin. I think we all do. When we first started putting together these new *Star Wars* titles, a bunch of us from Marvel went out to San Francisco for meetings with Lucasfilm, and as a part of that, we got a tour of the Skywalker Ranch and the Lucasfilm archives. So yeah, we definitely all felt like kids that day, as we stood in a room surrounded by lightsabers and blasters and speeder bikes. And even the Ark of the Covenant! I've tried to retain that feeling and put it into every issue of this series.

Hi,

I just read *Star Wars* #4! It is awesome! I really like how the *Star Wars* and *Darth Vader* series are closely connected! I can't wait to read #5 and to see what happens when Boba Fett catches up to Luke! I hope Boba Fett gets his own comic series soon!

Troy Vevasis

Thanks, Troy. And yeah, you'll continue to see a strong connection between this series and writer Kieron Gillen's *DARTH VADER*. No plans just yet for a Boba Fett series, but you never know when that guy might be popping up next.

Hey Guys and Gals!

Once again, thanks for putting out a great issue this month. It definitely sets up the new arc well, and it is neat to see Darth Vader in the company of the galaxy's favorite Hutt. I know this is a little on the speculative side, but...the female "bounty hunter"...She seems to dress in a way that is somewhat familiar to a certain Emperor's Hand from the Legends universe. Is there some sort of link here? Am I pulling at straws? I hope a little more info is shared with us in coming issues regarding this character. If you're reintroducing who I speculate you are, then boy, am I every excited! If it's a new character, then all I can say is that you've designed quite the cold, calculating, and dangerous woman! Mysterious characters aside,

I just wanted to say that the way the classic characters have been written and approached is really close to how they original were portrayed. This is definitely a strong point that has been present in all of the books so far, and the team is doing a great job here: Han's character, mannerisms, and essence in particular have been pretty accurate so far. Okay, there's my two cents' worth. Looking forward to seeing what the future holds. May the Force be with you!

All the best,
Stephen

P.S. - Boba Fett sure means business, doesn't he?

Yes, he does, Stephen. Hope you enjoyed this issue's big throw down between Fett and Luke. And as for the mysterious new character you mention...well, as you can see from the end of this very issue, she's not exactly what you were expecting. But there's clearly a lot more mystery left to explore when it comes to her.

Hey guys! Love the comic, you've really managed to capture the magic of the original trilogy. Who are your favorite *Star Wars* characters and why?

May the Force be with you,
Bryan in NY

My favorite one to write has probably been Vader. He's such a terrific villain. And I've loved being able to have him cut loose and really kick some butt. Anybody else wanna chime in?

Jordan D: While C-3PO is my favorite character. He makes me smile—he's very put upon and a very unwitting participant in much of the saga...but I think he rings super true, and I feel bad for him.

Heather Antos: I have to say D-D and BT are probably the most fun for me. What's better than evil assassin versions of C-3PO and R2-D2?

First of all, I want to say thank you to Mr. Jason Aaron and to Marvel for bringing this incredible set of comics into the world! I can't tell you how important *Star Wars* is to me. As a child, my dad left the family and he left a lot of his belongings behind. One of the things he, seemingly (yet I can't understand how), forgot was

a copy of the original trilogy on VHS. I stumbled upon them and decided I'd make a day of watching. Despite somehow getting the tapes mixed up and accidentally watching *Empire* before *A New Hope*, I had found my first true love!

All those incredible moments, watching the movies then, are forever seared into my mind, and here are these incredible books capturing everything I love about Star Wars, but imbued with a certain newfangled flair, that I can't seem to put down. You're doing it perfectly (in at least one fan's opinion), so please don't stop any time soon. I truly can't wait to see where this story is going, and I need to know what's in that box!

- Scott Pelzer
Huntsville, AL

Thanks for the great letter, Scott. Glad you're enjoying the ride. This issue, you got a glimpse of what was inside that mysterious box. And next issue, you'll learn even more of its secrets.

Hi,

My name is James, and I am five years old. Your *Star Wars* comics are awesome. My dad reads *Star Wars* to me every month. I like the stories because they have a lot of action. I want to see Wicket in the comic.

James L.

Hey, thanks, James! I love to hear that you and your dad are reading the book together. I do the same thing with my son. And hey, I'm a big Wicket fan too. There are no plans right now for any Ewoks to show up in this series, but I'll see what I can do.

First off I want to say great work to everyone involved. I've been a long time *Star Wars* fan and I'm eating up this in-between episodes 4 and 5 story arc. I also really enjoy the artwork and can't even start to imagine the time and effort it's taking to get these books out on schedule. Hats off to everyone. Now the question: Since this is all canon with the *Star Wars* universe, how much leeway do the writers have in the story? Obviously we all know the main cast survives their close calls with Vader and eventually Boba Fett (I really want to see a space battle between Boba Fett and Luke. *Slave I* vs X-wing would be EPIC) so the suspense is kind of moot. However I'm still excited to see what other characters will be showing up in this story arc. (IG-88 maybe?) Without spoiling too much, how far is this story going to go? And when the story catches up to *Empire* will

it gloss over the events of the film and start in after? Granted I'm getting ahead of myself but I really hope this continues on and beyond the new films currently in the works. I guess I should stop now just in case this does get printed. I don't want to kill space for other people's letters.

Thanks for another great comic for my pull,

Jon McManus
Ontario Canada.

Hey, Jon. As you can see this issue, we have been able to mix things up a bit and put together a few surprises, like having Luke go face-to-face with Boba Fett and introducing a new character with a rather surprising connection to Han Solo. Going forward, that will continue to be the plan. There'll be more existing characters popping up from time to time, including some of those bounty hunters like IG-88. And there'll be more new characters as well. And more interesting and surprising encounters. As for how this series eventually dovetails with *Empire Strikes Back*...I'm afraid you'll just have to wait and see on that one. As far as I'm concerned, we've got a lot more stories to go before we get to that point.

Jason, John, Laura and Chris...THANK YOU!!

How cool is it to be playing in this universe??

I've been having a blast reading the four issues that are out so far and can't wait for more!

Jason, the writing is fantastic! I can easily hear the characters say their dialogue in my head. From little quips that Solo says to the powerful 'commanding' tone that Vader possesses, everyone is spot-on and feels right. The new character in #4 has already piqued my interest and I'm excited to see everyone's paths start to cross.

John and Laura, the art is incredible! Really digging the double pages in the issues so far, especially Vader in Jabba's palace!

Also, how was sitting down with the story group? Do you know the basic plot of *The Force Awakens* and everything else going on so you don't contradict anything? Thanks!

May the Force be with you... always!!

-Kyle V, Dark Lord of the Sith

P.S. Keep the Fett coming!!

Sitting down with the Lucasfilm Story Group is always a blast. Those people really live and breathe all things *Star Wars*, so it's always exciting to work

out story details with them. As for *The Force Awakens*, I probably don't know much more about it than you do. What I do know for certain is that I'll be right there in line come December.

Dear *Star Wars* Team,

When Marvel announced they were doing a *Star Wars* book I was pretty stoked. Then they announced the amazing team of Mr. Aaron, Mr. Cassaday, Ms. Martin and Mr. Eliopoulos and I was sold. Four issues later and it has been an amazing ride. The story instantly dropped me into a familiar territory with characters that I've missed dearly. I'm sure I'm not the only one who listens to John Williams as I read these books and that's what makes it so fun and enjoyable. A tip of the hat to Mr. Cassaday for making all the pages look so great. Keep up the great work, all of you! May the Force be with you!

-Mason Tripp

You're definitely not the only one who pulls out the John Williams score, Mason. I do it whenever I sit down to write the book. And yes, hats off to our amazing art team. Unfortunately, this is the last issue for artist John Cassaday. For now at least. Given how huge a *Star Wars* fan John is and how much fun he's been having (which shows in his gorgeous pages), I'd be really surprised if we'd seen the last of him around these parts.

Which brings us to next issue, which we'll be opening the pages of Ben Kenobi's journals for a special flashback adventure. And we'll also welcome the incredible artist Simone Bianchi to these pages. Simone and I have worked together before on a dark little origin story called *Thanos Rising*. Now you'll get see the *Star Wars* universe through the lens of Simone's amazing style. Exactly what sort of mischief did Old Ben get up to all those years he was hiding out on Tatooine? Next issue, we start to find out.

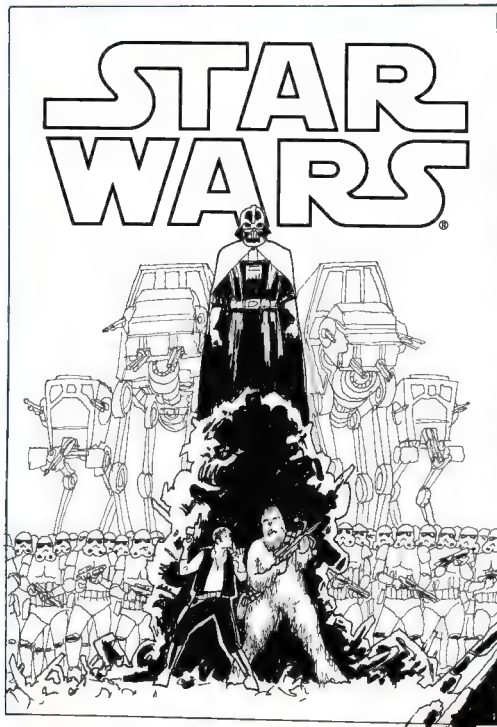
And after that, our next big arc kicks off in issue #8 and sees superstar artist Stuart Immonen join the team. Who is Sana Solo? Where does Luke go next? And what is the secret of the Smuggler's Moon? Those answers and more surprises are coming your way. Hope to see you there.

Until then, may the Force be...well, you know.

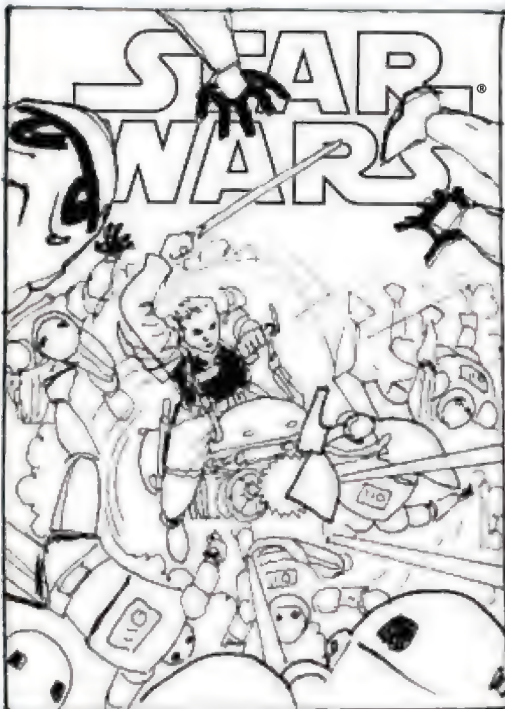
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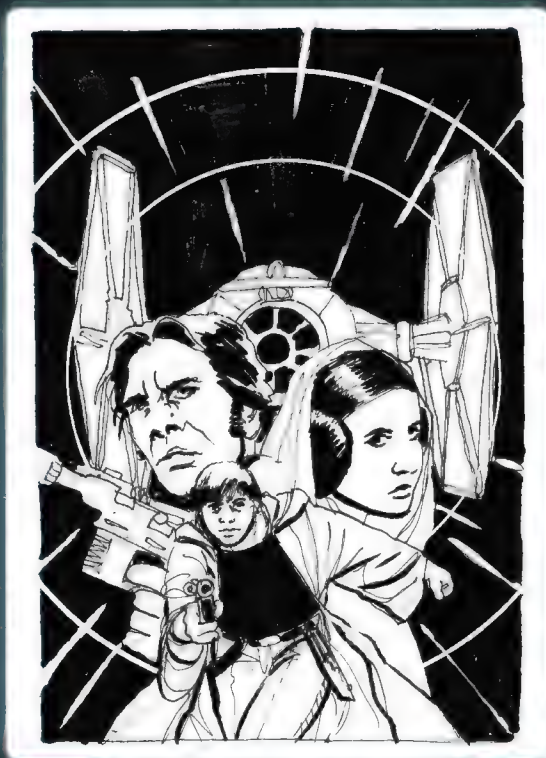
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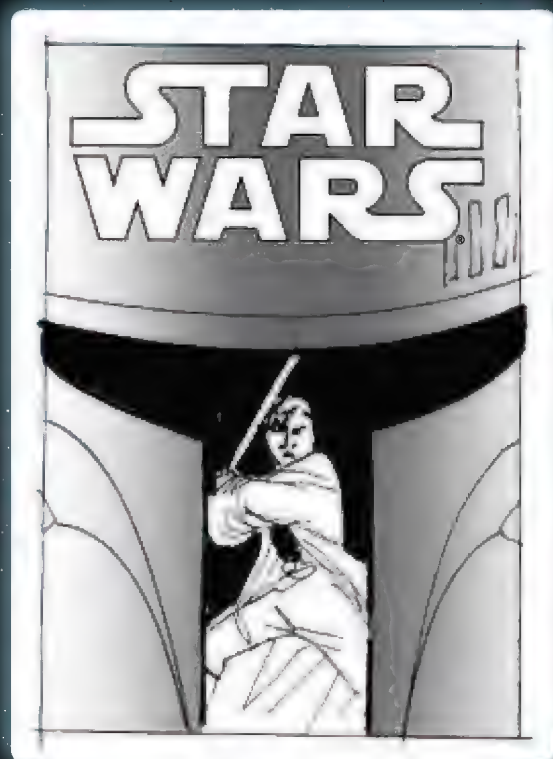
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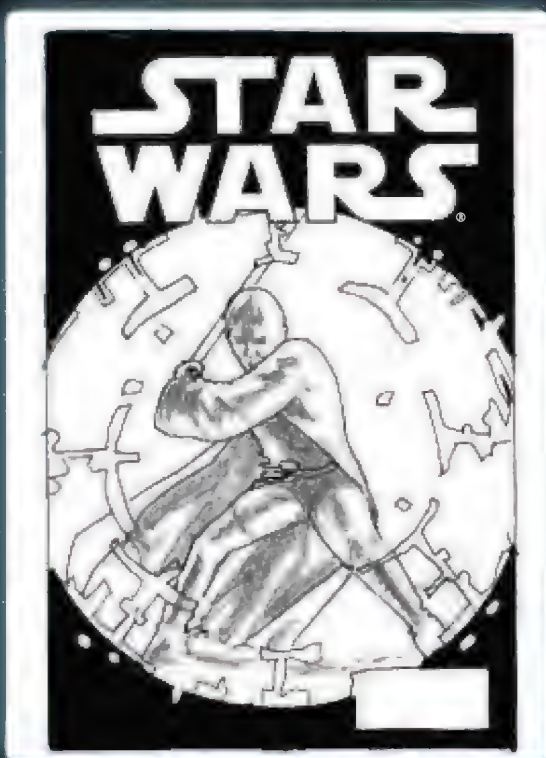
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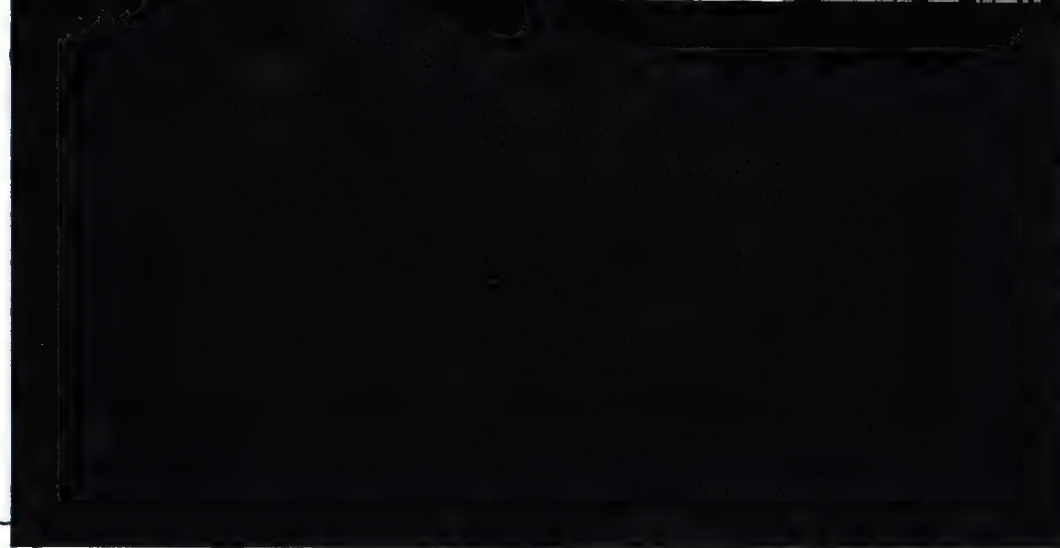
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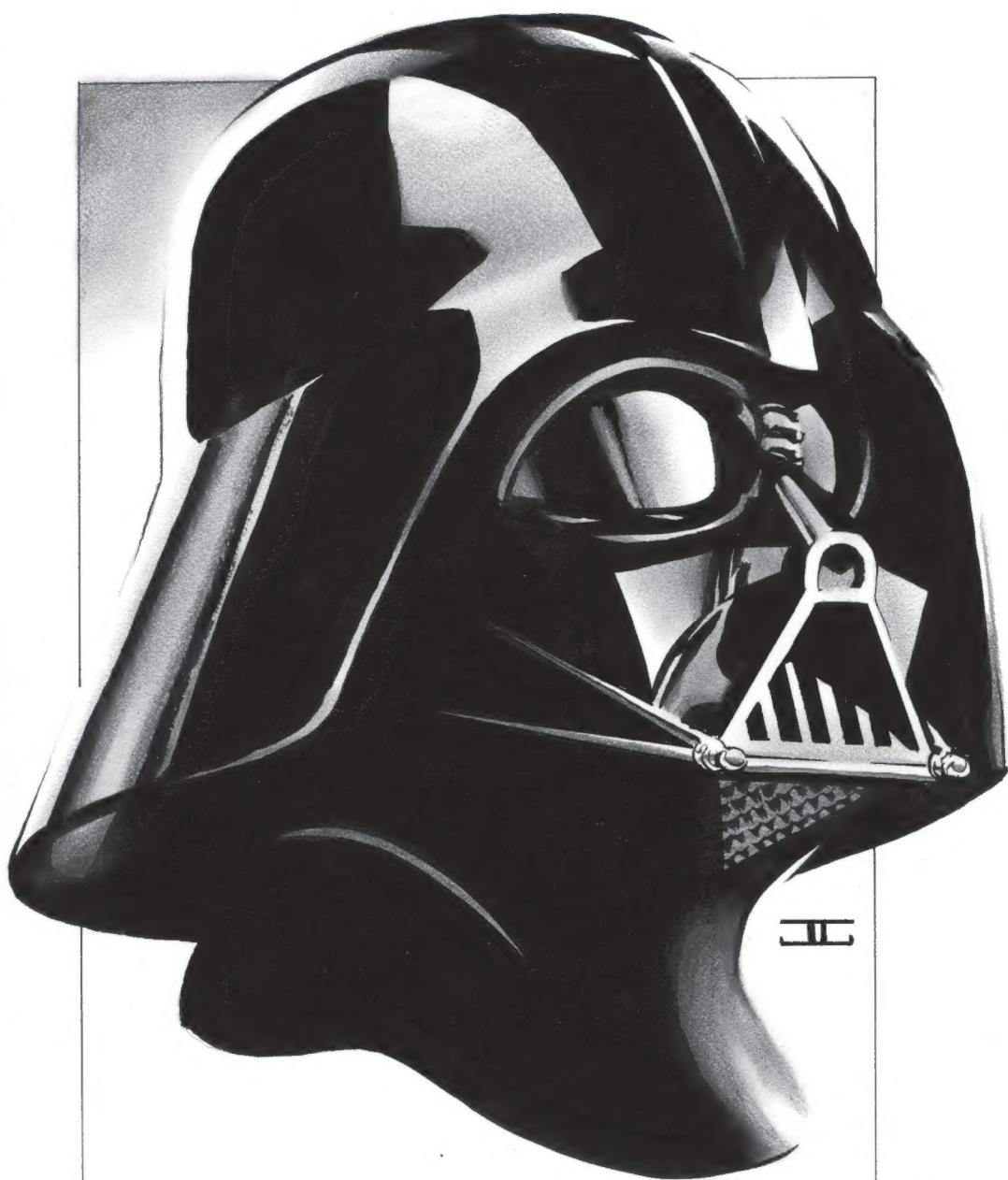


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